

Audit Office arranged as Treasury shall direct.

‘ VI. And whereas in consequence of the Changes which have already taken place, or may hereafter take place in the Number of the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts by Death or by the Appointment of one of them to be such Auditor General as aforesaid, by virtue of this Act, it is expedient that some new Arrangements should be made for conducting the Business of the Audit Office;’ Be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, or any Three or more of them, from time to time by Warrant under their Hands to direct such new Arrangements respecting the Conduct of the Business in the Audit Office, and to constitute and appoint such One or more Board or Boards of the said Commissioners of Audit, and to assign to such Board or Boards respectively the Exercise of such Duties with respect to the Conduct of the Business of the Office, and the Superintendance and Controul to be exercised over the Officers, Clerks and other Persons employed there, as to the said Commissioners of the Treasury shall seem to be expedient.

C A P. CLI.

An Act for regulating the Office of Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, and High Court of Appeals for Prizes. [20th July 1813.]

Registrar to make Schedules of Monies, Exchequer Bills, &c. belonging to Sutors, and deliver them into Bank.

‘ WHEREAS it is expedient to make Provisions for securing the Monies of Sutors in Prize Causes depending in the High Court of Admiralty, and the High Court of Appeals for Prizes:’ May it please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty and of the High Court of Appeals for Prizes, his Deputy or Deputies, do, within Three Months after the Commencement of this Act, make out and deliver, duly certified, to the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and to the Lords Commissioners of Appeals for Prizes, true and perfect Schedules of all Monies, Exchequer Bills, Stocks and other Securities, belonging to any of the Sutors of the said Courts, in his or their Hands, Custody or Power, specifying the Name of the Cause, Proceeding or Matter, in or on account of which such Monies have been paid, or such Exchequer Bills, Stocks and other Securities, have been purchased or transferred, and do, within One Month after the Delivery of such Schedules, pay, deliver and transfer the whole of such Monies, Exchequer Bills, Stocks and Securities, to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, to an Account to be raised in the Books of the said Governor and Company, and to be entitled, “ The Account of the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty and High Court of Appeals for Prizes,” inserting the Name of such Registrar for the time being; and all such Monies, Exchequer Bills, Stocks and Securities, so to be paid, delivered and transferred as aforesaid, shall be placed to the like Account; and at the time of such Payment, Delivery and Transfer, the said Registrar or his Deputy shall receive from the Bank a Certificate of the Transfer of such Stock, and a Receipt for such Monies, Exchequer Bills and Securities, and forthwith file such Certificate and Receipt in the High Court of Admiralty, and High Court of Appeals for Prizes.

Monies hereafter paid into High Court of Admiralty, &c. taken to Bank.

II. And be it further enacted, That when any Money shall hereafter be paid into the High Court of Admiralty, or High Court of Appeals for Prizes, on account of any Prize Suit depending therein, the Registrar of such Courts, or his Deputy, shall forthwith pay the same into the Bank to such Account as aforesaid, and shall take a Certificate from one of the Cashiers of the Bank of his paying the same, which Certificate shall be filed in the High Court of Admiralty, or High Court of Appeals for Prizes, as the case may be.

How Money retained by Registrar applied when it exceeds 10,000.

III. And be it further enacted, That if the total Amount of the Sums so authorized to be retained by the Registrar shall at any time exceed the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, the said Registrar or his Deputy shall, within One Week after such Excess happening, report the same to the Judge of the said High Court of Admiralty, who shall thereupon order such Part of the Monies so retained, as to him shall seem expedient, to be lodged in the Bank so as to reduce the Amount in the Registry to the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds.

Order for investing Money in Government Securities to specify Species.

IV. And be it further enacted, That when any Money shall thereafter, by the High Court of Admiralty, or the High Court of Appeals for Prizes, be ordered to be invested in Government Securities, the Species of the particular Securities in which the same shall be directed to be invested, shall be mentioned in the Order; and the said Registrar or his Deputy shall forthwith invest the same accordingly; and in case any Part thereof shall consist of *East India* Bonds, Exchequer Bills, Tallies or Orders, the same shall be delivered in at the Bank, and placed to such Account of the Registrar, as before mentioned; and if any of such Securities shall consist of Government Stocks or Annuities, the same shall be transferred to the said Registrar or his Deputy, who shall make a Declaration of Trust in the Books of the Bank, that the same is subject to the Orders of the said High Court of Admiralty, or High Court of Appeals for Prizes, and shall take a Certificate thereof from the proper Officer at the Bank, and likewise enter the same in his Book at the Bank, that the Bank may receive the Dividends thereupon; and the said Registrar shall from time to time make a Report of all such Securities to the said Court of Admiralty, or Court of Appeals for Prizes, specifying the Dates and Numbers of such Bonds, Tallies and Orders, and Quantities of Stock, and of the time of the Transfer of such Stock to him, of which a clear and proper Entry shall be kept, in such manner as the Judge of the said Court of Admiralty shall direct.

Bank to receive Interest on Exchequer Bills, &c.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after such Payment, Delivery and Transfer, the Bank shall receive all Interest due upon such Exchequer Bills and other Securities, as likewise the Dividends of all such Stocks in the Company’s Books transferred to the said Account; and the said Registrar

gistrar shall, for that Purpose, by a proper Authority in Writing, empower one of the Cashiers of the Bank to receive the same, and from time to time such Interest of Money and Dividends on Stock shall be placed to the said Registrar's Credit in the said Account.

VI. And be it further enacted, That when any Securities deposited or to be deposited at the Bank shall be directed by Order of the Court to be delivered out, an Order or Decree shall be made, under the Direction of the Court, of the Securities to be delivered out, together with the Numbers, Dates and Sums, and the Name of the Cause or Matter wherein the same are to be delivered out; which Order or Decree shall be signed by the said Registrar or his Deputy, and pass under the usual Seal of the Court in which the Cause is depending, and the same shall be a proper Authority to the Bank to deliver over such Securities, and enter the Delivery thereof in the Registrar's Account.

When Securities delivered out of Bank, an Order to be signed by the Registrar.

VII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Stock in any of the Company's Books shall be ordered to be transferred to any of the Suitors of the said Court of Admiralty, or Court of Appeals for Prizes, the Proctor shall certify under his Hand to the Registrar or his Deputy, what Stock he is by such Order to transfer, and to whom; which Certificate the said Proctor concerned shall carry to the Registrar, who shall by himself or Deputy, within One Week, or at the next opening of the respective Company's Books, attend and deliver such Certificate to the proper Officer of such Company, and transfer such Stock, or give sufficient Authority to some other Person so to do.

When Stock transferred to Suitors, Proctor to certify to Registrar what Stock transferred, &c.

VIII. And it is hereby enacted, That such Certificate shall be an Authority to the respective Companies to permit the said Registrar, or other Persons by him lawfully authorized, to transfer such Stocks; of which Transfer the said Registrar or his Deputy is to make his Report, and file the same in the proper Court; and the Transfer of such Stock shall be certified by the Registrar or his Deputy, to the Bank, in order that such Stock may be discharged out of the Account of the said Registrar in his Book there.

Certificate sufficient for Registrar to transfer.

IX. And be it further enacted, That when any Money belonging to the Suitors of either of the said Courts, received by the Bank pursuant to the Directions of this Act, shall be directed to be paid by Order of either of the said Courts, the Proctor concerned shall certify under his Hand to the said Registrar or his Deputy, what Sum he is by such Order to pay, and to whom; and on the same being filed, the said Registrar or his Deputy shall, by Note under his Hand, draw on the Bank for so much Money as shall be directed to be paid, upon Cheque Paper, fairly written and signed by the Registrar or his Deputy, which Note shall be sufficient Authority to the Bank to pay such Money to the Person or Persons mentioned in such Note, or to such Person as he, she or they, by Indorsement, shall order to receive the same, as likewise to write off the same from such Registrar's Account: And, for the better and more effectually carrying this Act into Execution, the Judge for the time being of the High Court of Admiralty, and the Lords Commissioners of Appeals for Prizes, are hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to make all such further Orders and Regulations in Writing, to be signed by them, as they shall deem necessary and proper for effectuating all or any of the Purposes hereinbefore expressed: Provided always, that when any such Orders shall be made, such Registrar shall cause a true Copy thereof, signed by him, to be transmitted to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of *England*, who, after receiving such Orders, shall cause the same to be observed in the same manner as if such Orders had originally formed a Part of or been contained in this Act.

How Money paid to Suitors.

Judge of Admiralty Court to make further Orders and Regulations as necessary.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any Monies or Securities for Monies, paid or to be paid into the High Court of Admiralty of *England*, in the Instance Jurisdiction thereof.

XI. Provided also, That the Regulations of this Act shall not extend nor be construed to extend to any Sum not exceeding Two hundred Pounds, paid or to be paid into either of the aforesaid Courts of Admiralty or Appeals in any Prize Suit; but all such Sums shall be allowed to remain in the Hands of the said Registrar or his Deputy, to answer the current Business of the said Office; provided the whole Amount of such Sums do not exceed Ten thousand Pounds.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the Period of Three Months after the Commencement of this Act, forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the forging or counterfeiting, the Name or Hand of the said Registrar for the time being of the High Court of Admiralty or High Court of Appeals for Prizes, or his Deputy, or any of the Cashiers of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to any Certificate, Entry, Indorsement, Declaration of Trust, Note, Direction, Authority, Instrument or Writing whatever, for or in order to the receiving or obtaining any of the Money or Effects of any of the Suitors of the said Courts, or either of them, or shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in forging or counterfeiting, any Certificate, Entry, Indorsement, Declaration of Trust, Note, Direction, Authority, Instrument or Writing, made by such Registrar or his Deputy, or any of the Cashiers of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or shall utter or publish any such, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited, with Intention to defraud any Person whatsoever, then every such Person and Persons so offending (being thereof lawfully convicted) shall be and is hereby declared and adjudged to be guilty of Felony.

XIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That none of the Provisions or Regulations of this Act shall commence at or take Effect until after the Expiration of the Interest now vested in the present Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, and the High Court of Appeal for Prizes; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Proviso for certain Money paid into Court of Admiralty: And for Sums not exceeding 200l. paid into Courts of Admiralty or Appeals.

Forging Name of Registrar, &c.

Felony. Commencement of Act.