

number one thousand eight hundred and one, and from thence to the end of six weeks from the commencement of the then next session of parliament, the manufacturing of any fine flour from wheat or other grain, and the making of any bread solely from the fine flour of wheat; and to repeal an act passed in the thirty-sixth year of the reign of his present Majesty, for permitting bakers to make and sell certain sorts of bread, and to make more effectual provision for the same: *and whereas it is expedient that the said act should be repealed, and that all millers and other persons who shall have dressed, sold, or used any meal or flour of a finer description than is prescribed or allowed by the said act should be indemnified*; be it therefore 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the authority of the same, That the said act shall, from and after the passing of this act, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it further enacted, That all millers and other persons who, since the twelfth day of February one thousand eight hundred and one, shall have dressed, sold, or used any meal or flour of a finer description than prescribed or allowed by the said act, or who shall have used any machine or cloth of a finer sort than is therein described, shall be, and are hereby indemnified, and are hereby declared to be freed and discharged of and from all suits, informations, prosecutions, judgements, fines, penalties, and forfeitures, commenced, prosecuted, adjudged, or incurred, or which may be commenced, prosecuted, adjudged, or incurred by or by reason thereof; any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

C A P. III.

An act for raising the sum of twenty-eight millions by way of annuities.—[March 12, 1801.]

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the commons of the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in parliament assembled, being desirous to raise the necessary supplies which we have cheerfully granted to your Majesty in this session of parliament, have resolved that the sum of twenty-eight millions be raised by annuities, in manner hereinafter mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech 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 every contributor towards raising the said sum of twenty-eight millions shall, for every one hundred pounds contributed and paid, be entitled to the principal sum of one hundred pounds in consolidated annuities, after the rate of three pounds per cent.

Preamble.
Every contributor of 100l. to be entitled to a principal of 100l. and of 25l. in the 3

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tum per annum, and to an additional principal sum of twenty-five pounds in like annuities; and also to a further principal sum of fifty pounds and fifteen shillings in reduced annuities, after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, redeemable by parliament; the said several consolidated annuities, after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, to commence from the fifth day of *January* one thousand eight hundred and one; and the said reduced annuity, after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, to commence from the tenth day of *October* one thousand eight hundred; and that the said consolidated annuities after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, and the said reduced annuity after the rate of three pounds *per centum* respectively, in respect of each one hundred pounds so to be contributed as afore-said, shall be payable and transferrable at the bank of *England*; and the said consolidated annuities, after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, shall be paid half-yearly, on the fifth day of *July* and the fifth day of *January* in every year; and the said reduced annuity, after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, shall be paid half-yearly, on the fifth day of *April* and the tenth day of *October* in every year.

Contributors
who have
made deposits
to pay the
remainders of
subscriptions
by instal-
ments.

II. *And whereas, pursuant to and upon the terms and conditions expressed in the said resolution, several persons have, in books opened at the bank of England for that purpose, subscribed together the whole of the said sum of twenty-eight millions, to be raised by annuities; and made deposits of ten pounds per centum on the respective sums by them so subscribed to the said sum of twenty-eight millions to be raised by annuities, with the cashiers of the governor and company of the bank of England; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such contributors, who have made such deposits with the cashier or cashiers of the governor and company of the bank of England, (which cashier or cashiers is and are hereby appointed the receiver and receivers of such contributions, without any other warrant to be had in that behalf), to advance and pay unto the said cashier or cashiers of the governor and company of the bank of England, the several remainders of the sums by them respectively subscribed towards the said sum of twenty-eight millions, at or before the respective days and times, and in the proportions herein-after limited and appointed in that behalf; (that is to say), the further sum of ten pounds per centum, on or before the seventeenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and one; the further sum of ten pounds per centum on or before the fifteenth day of May then next following; the further sum of ten pounds per centum, on or before the nineteenth day of June then next following; the further sum of fifteen pounds per centum, on or before the seventeenth day of July then next following; the further sum of ten pounds per centum, on or before the twenty-first day of August then next following; the further sum of ten pounds per centum, on or before the eighteenth day of September then next following; the further sum of fifteen pounds per centum, on or before the sixteenth day of October then next following; and the re-*

maining sum of ten pounds *per centum*, on or before the eleventh day of *December* then next following.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any guardian or trustee, having the disposition of the money of any infant, to contribute and pay for or towards advancing the said sum of twenty-eight millions, to be raised by annuities in manner aforesaid; and such infant, upon the payment of such sum or sums subscribed by such guardian or trustee, shall become a contributor within the meaning of this act, and be entitled to have and receive the annuities, advantages, and payments, in respect thereof, in such and the like manner as any other contributor; and the said guardian and trustee, as to the said sum or sums so advanced, is hereby discharged, so as the name of such infant be expressed in the receipt or receipts for such money.

Guardians
may subscribe
for infants.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every contributor paying in the whole of the sums by them respectively subscribed in respect of the said sum of twenty-eight millions, to be contributed as aforesaid, at any time on or before the fifteenth day of *October* one thousand eight hundred and one, shall be entitled to an allowance of so much money as the interest of each sum so paid in advance for completing his, her, or their contribution respectively shall amount unto, after the rate of five pounds *per centum per annum* from the day of completing the same, to the eleventh day of *December* one thousand eight hundred and one; which allowance is to be paid by the said cashier or cashiers out of the money to be contributed in pursuance of this act, as soon as such respective contributors, their executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, shall have completed such payment.

Discount to
be allowed on
payment of
the whole of
subscriptions
by Oct. 15,
1801.

V. And be it further enacted, That the several subscribers or contributors, their executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, in respect of the said sum of twenty-eight millions, shall be entitled to an annuity, after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, for every one hundred pounds by him, her, or them respectively advanced and paid; and also to an annuity, after the like rate of three pounds *per centum*, in respect of the said additional principal sum of twenty-five pounds, to commence from the fifth day of *January* one thousand eight hundred and one, until redemption by parliament in manner herein-after mentioned; and shall also be entitled in respect of every such one hundred pounds so advanced and paid to a further annuity, after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, in respect of the additional principal sum of fifty pounds and fifteen shillings, from the tenth day of *October* one thousand eight hundred; until redemption by parliament in manner herein-after mentioned; which said respective annuities, after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, and of three pounds *per centum* respectively, shall be payable and paid, half-yearly, by even and equal portions; (that is to say), the said consolidated annuities, after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, on the fifth day of *July* and the fifth day of *January* in every year; and the said reduced annuities,

Contributors
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after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, on the fifth day of *April* and the tenth day of *October* in every year; the first payment upon the said consolidated annuities, after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, to be due on the fifth day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and one, and on the said reduced annuity, after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, on the fifth day of *April* one thousand eight hundred and one; but shall not be payable until the respective subscribers or contributors, their executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, shall have completed the whole of the sums by them subscribed for the purchase of the said annuities.

As soon as subscriptions are completed they may be transferred.

VI. And be it further enacted, That as soon as any contributors, their executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, shall have completed their payments of such part of the whole sum payable by them respectively towards the said sum of twenty-eight millions, as shall be payable in respect of the several consolidated annuities, after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, to which they respectively shall become entitled, in respect of such subscriptions, the principal sum or sums in the said consolidated annuities shall forthwith be, in the books of the bank of *England*, placed to the credit of such respective contributors, their executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, completing such payments respectively; and as soon as such contributors, their executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, shall have completed the payments of such part of the whole sum payable by them respectively towards the said sum of twenty-eight millions, as shall be payable in respect of the said reduced annuities, after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, or any part thereof, the principal sum or sums in the said reduced annuities shall forthwith be, in the books of the bank of *England*, placed to the credit of such respective contributors, their executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, completing such payments; and the persons to whose credit such principal sums shall be so placed, their respective executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, shall and may have power to assign and transfer the same, or any part, share, or proportion thereof, to any other person or persons, body or bodies politick or corporate whatsoever, in the books of the bank of *England*; and the said governor and company of the bank of *England* are hereby required, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this act, to prepare proper books for the purpose of entering the names of all such contributors, and of placing to their credit the principal sums so paid by them respectively; and that such of the said contributors, their executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, who shall complete the payments of such parts of the whole sum payable by them respectively, towards the said sum of twenty-eight millions, as shall be payable in respect of any or either of the said respective annuities, at any time before the governor and company of the bank of *England* shall have prepared their receipts according to the directions of this act, shall be entitled to have the sums so paid forthwith placed to their

their credit in the books of the bank of *England*; and the said governor and company are hereby required to cause such sums to be forthwith placed to the credit of the persons entitled to the annuities in respect thereof, in the books of the said bank of *England*; and such entries in the said books shall be in lieu of the receipts hereby directed to be given for all sums paid in manner aforesaid; and such sums shall carry the consolidated annuities after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, and the said reduced annuities after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, respectively, redeemable by parliament; and shall respectively be taken and deemed to be stock transferrable according to the true intent and meaning of this act, until redemption thereof, in such manner as is herein-after mentioned.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all and every such contributor or contributors, his, her, or their executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, who shall have paid into the hands of the said cashier or cashiers the whole of his, her, or their contribution money, in respect to the said reduced annuities after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, on or before the second day of *April* one thousand eight hundred and one, shall be entitled to have and receive on the fifth day of *April* one thousand eight hundred and one, at the bank of *England*, the half year's annuity after the rate of three pounds *per centum*, that shall become due on the said fifth day of *April* one thousand eight hundred and one, and that all and every such contributor or contributors, his, her, or their executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, who shall have paid into the hands of the said cashier or cashiers, the whole of his, her, or their contribution money in respect to the said consolidated annuities, after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, on or before the second day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and one, shall be entitled to have and receive, on the fifth day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and one, at the bank of *England*, the half year's annuity, after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, that shall become due on the said fifth day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and one; and that all and every such contributor or contributors, his, her, or their executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, who shall have paid into the hands of the said cashier or cashiers, the whole of his, her, or their contribution money in respect of the said reduced annuities, after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, on or before the seventh day of *October* one thousand eight hundred and one, shall be entitled to have and receive, on the tenth day of *October* one thousand eight hundred and one, at the bank of *England*, the year's annuity after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, that shall become due on the said tenth day of *October* one thousand eight hundred and one; and that all and every person or persons who shall not have completed the whole of their said payments, on or before the said second day of *April* one thousand eight hundred and one, or the said second day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and one, or the said

Contributors paying the whole of their subscriptions by the times herein specified to be entitled to annuities at certain periods.

said seventh day of *October* one thousand eight hundred and one, shall, on completing the same within the time in this act prescribed, be entitled to receive the year's annuity, on each of the said several annuities by this act granted, or to be granted, from the tenth day of *October* one thousand eight hundred, and the fifth day of *January* one thousand eight hundred and one, respectively as the same shall become due, according to the true intent and meaning of this act.

Annuities payable and transferrable at the bank.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all the annuities aforesaid shall be payable and paid, and be transferrable, at the bank of *England*; and shall be subject to such redemption as is hereinafter mentioned.

Money to be issued out of the consolidated fund of Great Britain for payment of annuities and charges;

IX. And be it enacted, That so much money shall, from time to time, be set apart and issued at the receipt of the exchequer in *England*, out of the consolidated fund of *Great Britain*, to the said cashier or cashiers of the governor and company of the bank of *England*, as shall be sufficient to satisfy and pay the respective annuities to be created in respect of the said sum of twenty-eight millions, together with the charges attending the same.

and shall be charged upon the said fund.

X. And be it further enacted, That all the said annuities, interest, and dividends, which shall become payable in respect of the said sum of twenty-eight millions, shall be charged and chargeable upon, and are hereby charged upon and made payable out of, the consolidated fund of *Great Britain*.

The treasury in Ireland to issue out of the consolidated fund and pay into the exchequer in England, money to answer annuities, &c. for a certain part of the loan.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the commissioners of his Majesty's treasury in *Ireland*, or any three or more of them for the time being, shall from time to time, without any further warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in this behalf, cause to be issued at the receipt of his Majesty's exchequer out of the consolidated fund of *Ireland*, and paid into the receipt of his Majesty's exchequer in *England*, so much monies as shall be sufficient from time to time to answer to the said exchequer in *England*, the several and respective annuities and other payments hereby directed to be paid thereout; and also such further sums as shall be sufficient towards the sinking fund, for the liquidation of the sum of two millions five hundred thousand pounds, part of the said loan of twenty-eight millions, and that such payments shall be made into the said exchequer in *England* half-yearly, by even and equal portions, that is to say, such of the said sums as shall be paid for the consolidated annuities in respect of the said sum of two millions five hundred thousand pounds, on or before the first day of *July* and the first day of *January* in every year; and such of the said sums as shall be paid for the reduced annuities in respect of the said sum, on or before the first day of *April* and the fifth day of *October* in every year; the first payment upon the said consolidated annuities to be made on or before the first day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and one, and on the said reduced annuity on or before the first day of *April* one thousand eight hundred and one.

XII. And, for the more easy and sure payment of all the several annuities

annuities established by this act, be it further enacted, That the said governor and company of the bank of *England*, and their successors, shall, from time to time, until all the said annuities shall be redeemed, appoint and employ one or more sufficient person or persons, within their office in the city of *London*, to be their chief or first cashier or cashiers, and one other sufficient person, within the same office, to be their accountant general; and that so much of the monies by this act appropriated for the purpose, as shall be sufficient from time to time to answer the said several and respective annuities, and other payments, herein directed to be made out of the said monies, in respect of the whole of the said sum of twenty-eight millions, shall by order of the commissioners of the treasury of *Great Britain*, or any three or more of them, or the high treasurer of *Great Britain* for the time being, without any further warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that behalf, from time to time, at the respective days of payment in this act appointed for payment thereof, be issued and paid at the receipt of the exchequer in *Great Britain*, to the said first or chief cashier or cashiers of the said governor and company of the bank of *England*, and their successors, for the time being, by way of imprest and upon account, for the payment of the said several and respective annuities payable by virtue of this act; and that such cashier or cashiers, to whom the said money shall from time to time be issued, shall from time to time, without delay, pay the same accordingly, and render his or their accounts thereof, according to the due course of the exchequer in *Great Britain*; and that the said accountant general for the time being shall from time to time inspect and examine all receipts and payments of the said cashier or cashiers, and the vouchers relating thereto, in order to prevent any fraud, negligence, or delay.

The bank to appoint a cashier and an accountant general, and the treasury to order money to be issued to the cashier for payment of annuities.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the cashier or cashiers of the governor and company of the bank of *England*, who shall have received, or shall receive any part of the said contributions towards the said sum of twenty-eight millions, shall give a receipt or receipts in writing to every such contributor for all such sums; and that the receipts to be given shall be assignable by indorsement thereupon made, at any time before the fourteenth day of *October* one thousand eight hundred and one, and no longer: provided always, That such cashier or cashiers shall give security to the good liking of any three or more of the commissioners of the treasury, or the high treasurer of *Great Britain* for the time being, for duly answering and paying into the receipt of his Majesty's exchequer in *Great Britain*, as after mentioned, for the publick use, all the monies which they have already received, and shall hereafter receive from time to time, of and for the whole of the said sum of twenty-eight millions, and for accounting duly for the same, and for performance of the trust hereby in them reposed, and shall from time to time pay all such monies as soon as he or they shall receive the same, or any part thereof, or within five days afterwards at the farthest;

Cashier to give receipts for subscriptions, which may be assigned before Oct. 14, 1801.

Cashier to give security for paying the money he receives into the exchequer.

into and shall account for the same, in the exchequer of *Great Britain*, according to the due course thereof, deducting thereout such sums as shall have been paid by him or them in pursuance of this act, for which sums so paid allowance shall be made in his or their accounts.

A book to be kept in the accountant general's office for entering contributors' names, a duplicate whereof to be transmitted to the auditor of the exchequer.

XIV. And be it enacted, That in the office of the accountant general of the governor and company of the bank of *England* for the time being, a book or books shall be provided and kept, in which the names of the contributors shall be fairly entered; which book or books the said respective contributors, their respective executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, shall and may from time to time, and at all seasonable times, resort to and inspect without any fee or charge; and that the said accountant general shall, on or before the fifth day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and two, transmit an attested duplicate, fairly written on paper, of the said book or books into the office of the auditor of the receipt of his Majesty's exchequer of *Great Britain*, there to remain for ever.

Contributors duly paying their subscriptions entitled to annuities tax free.

XV. And be it further enacted, That such contributors, duly paying the whole sum so subscribed at or before the respective times in this act limited in that behalf, and their respective executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, shall have, receive, and enjoy, and be entitled by virtue of this act to have, receive, and enjoy, the said several annuities, by this act granted in respect of the sum so subscribed out of the monies granted and appropriated in this session of parliament for payment thereof, and shall have good and sure interests and estates therein, according to the several provisions in this act contained, and that the several annuities shall be free from all taxes, charges, and impositions whatsoever.

Subscriptions paid in part and not completed, forfeited.

XVI. Provided always, That in case any such contributors who have already deposited with, or shall hereafter pay to the said cashier or cashiers any sum or sums of money at the time and in the manner herein-before mentioned, in part of the sum or sums so by them respectively subscribed, or their respective executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, shall not advance and pay to the said cashier or cashiers, the residue of the sum or sums so subscribed at the times and in the manner before mentioned, then and in every such case so much of the respective sum or sums so subscribed, as shall have been actually paid in part thereof to the said cashier or cashiers, shall be forfeited for the benefit of the publick, and all right and title to the said annuities after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, and of three pounds *per centum per annum* respectively, in respect thereof, shall be extinguished; any thing in this act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Annuities to be deemed personal estate.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That all persons who shall be entitled to any of the annuities hereby granted in respect of the said sum of twenty-eight millions, and all persons lawfully claiming under them, shall be possessed thereof as of a personal estate, which shall not be descendible to heirs, nor liable to any foreign

foreign attachment by the custom of *London*, or otherwise; any law, statute, or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for three or more of the commissioners of the treasury, or the high treasurer of *Great Britain*, for the time being, to issue and apply from time to time all such sums of money as shall be so paid into the receipt of his Majesty's exchequer of *Great Britain*, by the said cashier or cashiers, to such services as shall then have been voted by the commons of the united kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in this present session of parliament.

Treasury may apply the money paid into the exchequer.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said lords commissioners of his Majesty's treasury, or any three or more of them, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized, out of the said sum of twenty-eight millions, to remit to the exchequer of that part of the united kingdom called *Ireland*, from time to time, any sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of two millions five hundred thousand pounds, to be applied to such services for *Ireland*, as shall have been voted by the commons of the united kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in this present session of parliament.

Treasury may remit to Ireland part of the loan.

XX. And be it further enacted, That books shall be constantly kept by the said accountant general for the time being, wherein all assignments or transfers of all sums advanced or contributed towards the said sum of twenty-eight millions, shall be entered and registered; which entry shall be conceived in proper words for that purpose, and shall be signed by the parties making such assignments or transfers, or if such parties be absent, by their respective attorney or attorneys thereunto lawfully authorized, in writing under his or their hand and seal, or hands and seals, to be attested by two or more credible witnesses; and that the several persons to whom such transfers shall be made, shall respectively underwrite their acceptance thereof, and that no other method of assigning and transferring the said annuities, or any part thereof, or any interest therein, shall be good or available in law: provided always, That all persons possessed of any share or interest in either of the said stocks of annuities, or any estate or interest therein, may devise the same by will, in writing, attested by two or more credible witnesses; but that no payment shall be made upon any such devise, until so much of the said will as relates to such share, estate, or interest, in the said stocks of annuities, be entered in the said office; and that in default of such transfer or devise, such share, estate, or interest, in the said stocks of annuities, shall go to the executors, administrators, successors, and assigns; and that no stamp duties whatsoever shall be charged on any of the said transfers; any law or statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Accountant general to keep books for entering transfers.

Stock may be devised.

Transfers not liable to stamp duties.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That out of the monies arising from the contributions towards raising the said sum of twenty-eight millions by annuities, any three or more of the commissioners of the treasury, or the high treasurer of *Great Britain* for the time being, shall have power to dis-

Treasury may defray incidental expences out of contributions, and allow salaries

to the cashier
and account-
ant general.

charge all such incident charges as shall necessarily attend the execution of this act, in such manner as to them shall seem just and reasonable; and also to settle and appoint such allowances as shall be thought proper for the service, pains, and labour, of the said cashier or cashiers, for receiving, paying, and accounting for the said contributions; and also shall have power to make, out of the consolidated fund, such further allowances as shall be judged reasonable for the service, pains, and labour of the said cashier or cashiers for receiving, paying, and accounting for the said annuities paying by virtue of this act; and also for the service, pains, and labour of the said accountant general, for performing the trust reposed in him by this act; all which allowances to be made as aforesaid, in respect of the service, pains, and labour, of any officer or officers of the said governor and company, shall be for the use and benefit of the said governor and company, and at their disposal only.

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to be added to
the joint stock
of 3l. per cent.
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XXII. And be it further enacted, That all the monies to which any person or persons shall become entitled by virtue of this act, in respect of any sum advanced or contributed towards the said sum of twenty-eight millions, on which the said annuities first mentioned, after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, shall be attending, shall be added to the joint stock of annuities transferrable at the bank of *England*, into which the several sums carrying an interest after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, were, by several acts made in the twenty-fifth, twenty-eighth, twenty ninth, thirty-second, and thirty-third years of the reign of his late majesty King *George* the Second, and by several subsequent acts, consolidated, and shall be deemed part of the said joint stock of annuities, subject nevertheless to redemption by parliament, in such manner, and upon such notice as in the said act made in the twenty-fifth year of his said late Majesty's reign, is directed in respect of the several and respective annuities redeemable by virtue of the said act; and that all and every person and persons and corporations whatsoever, in proportion to the money to which he, she, or they shall become entitled as aforesaid by virtue of this act, shall have and be deemed to have a proportional interest and share in the said joint stock of annuities at the rates aforesaid.

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XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all the monies to which any person or persons shall become entitled by virtue of this act, in respect of any sum advanced or contributed towards the said sum of twenty-eight millions, on which the said annuity last mentioned, after the rate of three pounds *per centum per annum*, shall be attending, shall be added to the joint stock of annuities transferrable at the bank of *England*, which by an act made in the twenty-third year of the reign of his late Majesty; were reduced from four pounds *per centum per annum*, to three pounds *per centum per annum*, and shall be deemed part of the said joint stock of annuities, subject nevertheless to redemption by parliament, in such manner and upon such notice as in the several acts by which the said annuities after the rate of four

pounds *per centum per annum* were respectively granted, are directed in respect of the annuities redeemable by virtue thereof, and that all and every person and persons, and corporations whatsoever, in proportion to the money to which he, she, or they shall become entitled as aforesaid by virtue of this act, shall have and be deemed to have a proportional interest and share in the said joint stock of annuities at the rate aforesaid.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons shall forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or shall willingly act or assist in the forging or counterfeiting any receipt or receipts for the whole of, or any part or parts of, the said contributions towards the said sum of twenty-eight millions, either with or without the name or names of any person or persons being inserted therein, as the contributor or contributors thereto, or payer or payers thereof, or of any part or parts thereof, or shall alter any number, figure, or word therein, or utter or publish, as true, any such false, forged, counterfeited, or altered receipt or receipts, with intent to defraud the governor and company of the bank of *England*, or any body politick or corporate, or any person or persons whatsoever, every such person or persons so forging or counterfeiting, or causing or procuring to be forged or counterfeited, or willingly acting or assisting in the forging or counterfeiting, or altering, uttering, or publishing as aforesaid, being thereof convicted in due form of law, shall be adjudged guilty of felony, and shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

Persons counterfeiting receipts for contributions &c. guilty of felony.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said governor and company of the bank of *England*, and their successors, notwithstanding the redemption of all or any of their own funds, in pursuance of the acts for establishing the same, or any of them, shall continue a corporation for the purposes of this act, until all the annuities by this act granted shall be redeemed by parliament as aforesaid; and that the said governor and company of the bank of *England*, or any member thereof, shall not incur any disability for or by reason of their doing any matter or thing in pursuance of this act.

Bank to continue a corporation till the annuities hereby granted cease.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That no fee, reward, or gratuity whatsoever, shall be demanded or taken of any of his Majesty's subjects, for receiving or paying the said subscription or contribution monies, or any of them, or for any receipt concerning the same, or for paying the said annuities, or any of them, or for any transfer of any sum, great or small, to be made in pursuance of this act, upon pain that any officer or person offending, by taking or demanding any such fee, reward, or gratuity, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of twenty pounds to the party aggrieved, with full costs of suit, to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in any of his Majesty's courts of record at *Westminster*, wherein no *essoyn*, protection, privilege, or wager of law, injunction or order

No fee to be taken for receiving contributions, or paying or transferring annuities, on penalty of sol.

order of restraint, or any more than one imparlance shall be granted or allowed.

Persons sued, may plead the general issue.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons shall be sued, molested, or prosecuted, for any thing done by virtue or in pursuance of this act, such person or persons shall and may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence, in his, her, or their defence or defences; and if afterwards a verdict shall pass for the defendant or defendants, or the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall discontinue his, her, or their action or prosecution, or be nonsuited, or judgment shall be given against him, her, or them, upon demurrer or otherwise, then such defendant or defendants shall have treble costs awarded to him, her, or them, against any such plaintiff or plaintiffs.

Treble costs.

Act may be altered or repealed this session.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That this act may be varied, altered, or repealed by any act to be passed in this session of parliament.

C A P. IV.

An act to enable the lords commissioners of his Majesty's treasury to issue exchequer bills, on the credit of such aids or supplies as have been or shall be granted by parliament, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and one.—[March 12, 1801.]

The treasury may issue exchequer bills agreeably to those issued under the malt act of the last session, c. 7. to be payable out of the supplies for 1801, on 14 days notice in the Gazette, &c. Treasury not to issue under this act exchequer bills on the credit of 41 Geo. 3. c. 7. and 8. or on any aids that may be granted next session. Exchequer bills shall bear an interest not exceeding three pence halfpenny per cent. per diem. Exchequer bills so issued, not to be received in payment of the revenue or at the exchequer until the same become payable. Bank of England may lend 3,000,000l. on the credit of this act.

C A P. V.

An act to enable his Majesty to grant a certain annuity to captain sir Sidney Smith, in consideration of the eminent services which he has rendered during his command on the coast of Egypt.—[March 24, 1801.]

Most gracious Sovereign,

Preamble.

WHEREAS your Majesty, by your most gracious message to your faithful commons, hath been pleased to signify your desire of conferring a signal mark of your favour and approbation on captain sir Sidney Smith, in consequence of the eminent services which he has rendered, and the valour and ability which he has displayed during the whole period of the important operations with the conduct of which he has been entrusted on the coast of Egypt, and particularly in the gallant and heroic defence of the fortress of Acra, and that, for that purpose an annuity of one thousand pounds should be granted to the said sir Sidney Smith, during the term of his natural life, to be paid out of the consolidated fund: now we, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the commons of Great