

C A P. XCVII.

An Act to authorize the advancing, for the Public Service, a Proportion of the Balance that shall remain from time to time in the Bank of *England* for the Payment of Dividends on account of the Public Debt, for Lottery Prizes or Benefits not claimed, and Principals of Stocks and Annuities remaining unclaimed. [26th June 1816.]

‘ Most Gracious Sovereign,

48 G. 3. c. 4.

‘ **W**HEREAS by an Act made in the Forty eighth Year of the
 ‘ Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to authorize*
 ‘ *the advancing, for the Public Service, upon certain Conditions, a*
 ‘ *Proportion of the Balance remaining in the Bank of England for*
 ‘ *Payment of Unclaimed Dividends, Annuities and Lottery Prizes ;*
 ‘ *and for regulating the Allowances to be paid for the Management*
 ‘ *of the National Debt ;* it was among other things enacted, that
 ‘ the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* should pay
 ‘ into the Receipt of His Majesty’s Exchequer at *Westminster*, out
 ‘ of the Balances in their Hands of Sums issued for the Payment of
 ‘ Dividends due and not demanded, and of unclaimed Lottery Prizes
 ‘ or Benefits, the Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, for the
 ‘ Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight : And
 ‘ Whereas the said Governor and Company duly paid the said Sum in
 ‘ pursuance of the said Act : And Whereas a considerable Balance
 ‘ now remains in the Hands of the Governor and Company of the
 ‘ Bank of *England*, for the Payment of Dividends on account of
 ‘ the Public Debt, for Lottery Prizes or Benefits not claimed, and
 ‘ Principals of Stocks and Annuities remaining unclaimed ; and it is
 ‘ just and expedient that a Part of the said Balance should be ad-
 ‘ vanced for the Service of the Public, on condition that if at any
 ‘ time the said Balance shall be reduced to a less Sum than One hun-
 ‘ dred thousand Pounds, then and in that case so much of the Monies
 ‘ advanced by the said Governor and Company as shall be equal to
 ‘ the Sum by which the said Balance shall be less than the Sum of
 ‘ One hundred thousand Pounds, shall be repaid to the said Governor
 ‘ and Company ;’ Therefore we, Your Majesty’s most dutiful and
 loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great*
Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled, do 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 Con-
 sent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this
 present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same,
 That within Thirty Days after the Expiration of every Quarter an
 Account shall be taken of the lowest Amount of the Balances in the
 Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, of
 Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends and Terminable Annuities
 on account of the National Debt due and not demanded, and for the
 Payment of Lottery Prizes or Benefits not claimed, and also of
 Sums which shall have been issued for the Payment of Principals of
 Stocks or Annuities remaining unclaimed ; and it shall be lawful for
 the said Governor and Company to retain a Balance of One hundred
 thousand Pounds from and out of the lowest Sum to which the Divi-
 dends, Terminable Annuities, Lottery Prizes and Principals of

An Account shall be taken Quarterly of Amount of Balances for Payment of Dividends on account of the Public Debt. Balance to be retained.

Stocks aforesaid, due and remaining unclaimed, shall appear by such Account to have been reduced at any time in such Quarter ; and the whole of the Amount which shall remain due and unclaimed, deducting therefrom such Sum as may be due and payable to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt by virtue of an Act of this Session of Parliament, over and above such Sum of One hundred thousand Pounds as aforesaid, shall, upon the Fifth Day of *July*, the Tenth Day of *October*, the Fifth Day of *January*, and the Fifth Day of *April*, in every Year, be paid into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, and applied to such Services as shall be directed by Parliament, without any Interest for the same ; and if at any time hereafter the Monies remaining in the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, which have been issued to them for the Payment of any such Dividends, Lottery Prizes or Benefits, and Principals of Stocks and Annuities, due and remaining unclaimed, shall be reduced to a less Sum than One hundred thousand Pounds, the said Governor and Company shall forthwith transmit a Certificate of the same, signed by One of their Cashiers, to the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the Lord High Treasurer for the time being, and also to the Auditor of the Exchequer for the time being, containing a true Statement of the Amount to which the said Monies shall then be reduced ; and that forthwith on the same Day on which any such Certificate containing such Statement as aforesaid shall be presented to the said Auditor at the Receipt of the Exchequer, the said Auditor shall make out a proper Debenture, directing the Payment of such Sum of Money as it shall appear by such Certificate the said Balances shall be reduced under One hundred thousand Pounds, which said Sum of Money shall, in case the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall demand the same, be issued and paid out of any Money in the Receipt of the Exchequer, of the Aids or Supplies granted to His Majesty, for the Service of the current Year or of any preceding Year, or out of any Monies arising from the Surplus of the Consolidated Fund which may remain at the End of any Quarter for the Disposition of Parliament ; and every such Debenture, being carried to the Clerk of the Pells, shall be forthwith recorded in the usual Method in which Debentures are by him recorded ; and thereupon the Teller or Tellers on whom any such Debenture shall be charged, shall, upon the same being presented to him or them, immediately pay or cause to be paid to the said Cashier or Cashiers, for the Use of the said Governor and Company, the Sum contained in such Debenture accordingly ; and in case, after the Repayment of any Part of the Monies which shall have been advanced under this Act, the said Balances shall at any time be again further reduced, in such case, as often as the same shall happen, such a further Sum shall in like manner be repaid to the said Governor and Company, as shall keep a Balance in the Hands of the said Governor and Company, for the Payment of any Annuities or Dividends, Lottery Prizes or Benefits, and Principals of Stocks and Annuities, due and not demanded as aforesaid, of One hundred thousand Pounds.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in every case in which any such Money shall not be immediately issued to the said Governor and Company, or their Cashier, upon such Certificate as aforesaid, Interest at and after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*

Remainder of Unclaimed Dividends to be paid into the Exchequer.

If Balance be reduced, Deficiency to be made good.

Certificate.

Proceedings when it appears that Balance reduced under 100,000l.

Interest to be paid for Money not immediately issued.

per Annum shall be charged by and paid to the said Governor and Company upon such Sum, until the same shall be issued and paid to the said Governor and Company.

C A P. XCVIII.

An Act to unite and consolidate into One Fund all the Public Revenues of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and to provide for the Application thereof to the General Service of the United Kingdom. [1st July 1816.]

‘ **W**HEREAS it hath become expedient, for further carrying
 ‘ into effect the Provisions and Purposes of Two several Acts
 ‘ for the Union of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, (the One made in the
 ‘ Parliament of *Great Britain* in the Thirty ninth and Fortieth
 ‘ Years of His Present Majesty’s Reign, and the other made in the
 ‘ Parliament of *Ireland* in the Fortieth Year of His said Majesty’s
 ‘ Reign,) that all the Public Revenues of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*
 ‘ should be consolidated and applied to the Service of the United
 ‘ Kingdom;’ Be it therefore enacted by The King’s Most Excel-
 lent 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 from and after
 the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen,
 all Rates, Duties, Taxes, Receipts, Sums of Money and Revenues,
 of what nature or kind soever, which, under or by virtue of any
 Act or Acts in force in *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respectively at the
 time of the passing of this Act, and immediately before the said Fifth
 Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, shall or
 may constitute or form Part of, or be directed to be carried to the
 several Funds called the Consolidated Fund of *Great Britain* and the
 Consolidated Fund of *Ireland* respectively, shall be carried to, and
 shall be and become, and shall form and constitute One General
 Fund, to be called the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom
 of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and that the said Consolidated Fund
 of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, whether the
 same or any Part thereof shall be in the Exchequer of *Great Britain*
 or in the Exchequer of *Ireland*, shall, in the First Place, be charged
 and chargeable with, and shall from time to time be applied in-
 discriminately to the Payment of the whole of the Interest of the
 National Debts of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the Sinking
 Funds applicable to the Reduction thereof, as One joint Consoli-
 dated National Debt, Interest and Sinking Fund; and in the next
 Place, the said Consolidated Fund of the said United Kingdom shall
 in like manner be charged and chargeable with, and shall be applied
 to the Payment of the Salaries and other Charges of His Majesty’s
 Civil List Establishments in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and in the
 next Place, the said Consolidated Fund of the said United Kingdom
 shall be in like manner charged and chargeable with, and shall be
 applied in Payment of all other Charges whatsoever, made payable
 out of the Consolidated Funds of *Great Britain* or *Ireland* respect-
 ively, under or by virtue of any Act or Acts in force immediately
 before the said Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred
 and seventeen, and after Payment and Satisfaction of all the afore-
 said Charges, the said Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom shall

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