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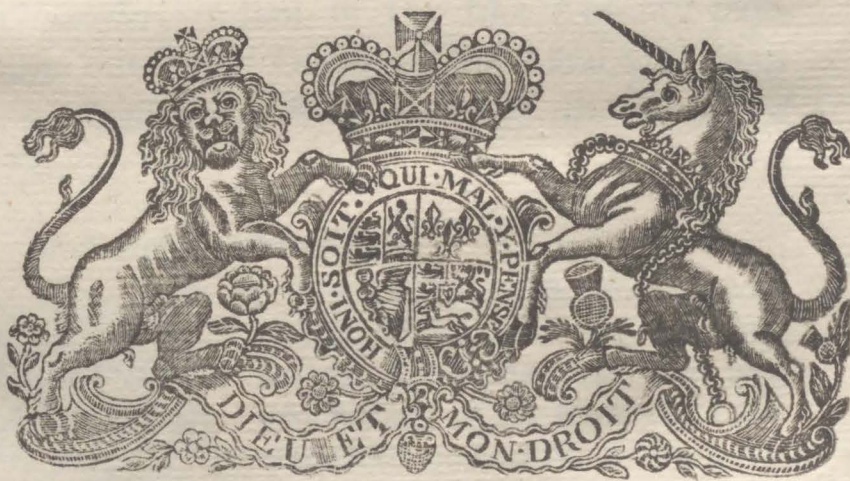
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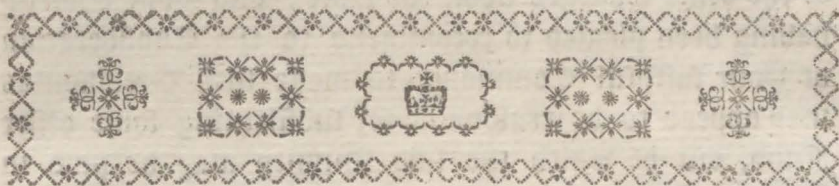
At the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Eighteenth Day of *May*, *Anno Domini* 1784, in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Twenty-fifth Day of *January*, 1785; being the Second Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of *Great Britain*.



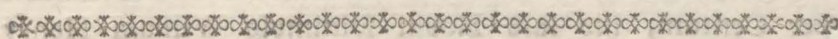
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An Act for settling an Annuity of Nine thousand Pounds on his Royal Highness the Duke of *Gloucester*, in lieu of the like Annuity payable out of the Duties of Four and One Half *per Centum* in *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



WHEREAS Your Majesty has been Preamble.
 pleased to communicate to Your faithful Commons, that Your Majesty having, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, settled an Annuity of Nine thousand Pounds as a Provision in Part for the honourable Support and Maintenance of Your Majesty's dearly beloved Brother, the Duke of Gloucester, payable out of the Duties of Four and One Half per Centum in Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands; and that Your Majesty understanding the said Fund is not sufficient

cient for the regular Payment of the said Annuity, and of the other Charges upon the same; and Your Majesty having been pleased to recommend to the Consideration of Your faithful Commons, to make such Provision as may appear to be reasonable for substituting some other Fund, out of which the said Annuity may be paid in future: Now, we, having taken into Consideration Your Majesty's most Gracious Message, 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 Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, in lieu of the said Annuity of Nine thousand Pounds, heretofore charged upon the said Duty of Four and One Half per Centum, his said Royal Highness William Henry Duke of Gloucester shall have, receive, and enjoy, for and during the Term of his natural Life, at the Receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer, a like Annuity or yearly Sum of Nine thousand Pounds, of lawful Money of Great Britain, out of, and charged upon, the Duties and Revenues which compose the Fund, commonly called The Aggregate Fund, and every or any of them, (after paying, or reserving sufficient to pay, all such Sum and Sums of Money as have been directed, by any former Act or Acts of Parliament, to be paid out of the same, but with Preference to all other Payments which shall or may hereafter be charged upon or made payable out of the said Aggregate Fund); which Annuity, or yearly Sum of Nine thousand Pounds, shall commence and take Effect from the Fifth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, and shall be paid and payable at the Four usual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to say, the Fifth Day of July, the Tenth Day of October, the Fifth Day of January, and the Fifth Day of April, by even and equal Portions; the First Payment thereof to be made on the Fifth Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

An Annuity of 9,000*l.* per Ann. to be paid to the Duke of Gloucester, out of the Aggregate Fund;

and to be paid quarterly.

Commissioners of Treasury to direct the

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners

tioners of His Majesty's Treasury now being, or any Three or more of them, and the High Treasurer and Under Treasurer of the Exchequer, and Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, for the Time being, and they are hereby authorised, impowered, and required, by Warrant under their Hands, to direct the Auditor of the Receipt of Exchequer, now and for the Time being, to make forth and pass Debentures from Time to Time for paying the said Annuity, or yearly Rent or Sum of Nine thousand Pounds, as the same shall from Time to Time become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the same, or any Part thereof; which said Warrant, and the Debentures to be made forth and passed thereupon, shall be a sufficient Authority to the several and respective Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer now and for the Time being, for the Payment of the said Annuity, or yearly Rent or Sum of Nine thousand Pounds, to his said Royal Highness William Henry Duke of Gloucester, at the respective quarterly Days of Payment in this Act before appointed for Payment thereof, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

Auditor to
make forth
Debentures
accordingly.

III. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, after the signing of such Warrant, the same shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law, according to the Purport and true Meaning thereof, and of this Act; and shall not be determinable or revocable by or upon the Demise of His Majesty (whom God long preserve!) or of any of His Heirs or Successors, or by or upon the Death or Removal of any of the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or the Lord High Treasurer, or by or upon the Determination of the Power, Office or Offices of them, or any of them.

Warrant, af-
ter signed, to
be valid in
Law.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of the Treasury now being, and the High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, Chancellor and Under Treasurer, Chamberlains and Barons of the Exchequer, and all other the Officers and Ministers of the

Commission-
ers of the
Treasury, &c.
to do all
Things re-
quired by this
Act, without
Fee.

Court of Exchequer, and of the Receipt thereof, now and for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby authorised, and strictly enjoined and required, to do, without Fee or Reward, all such Acts, Matters, and Things as are herein-before directed and required, or shall be necessary to be done and performed by them, or any or either of them, in order to render this Act, and the several Payments thereby directed, effectual.

The Receipt
of the Duke
of Gloucester,
&c. to be a
sufficient Dis-
charge.

V. And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts, of his said Royal Highness William Henry Duke of Gloucester, or such Person or Persons as shall be by him authorised and impowered to receive the said Annuity, or yearly Rent or Sum, or any Part thereof, shall be a good and sufficient Discharge for the Payment thereof, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf; and that the said Annuity, or yearly Rent or Sum, and every Part thereof, shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Impositions, and all other publick Charges whatsoever.

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