ANNO PRIMO & SECUNDO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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An Act for enabling His Majesty to make Provision for Her Majesty the Queen.

[23d *February* 1821.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEREAS in and by the Treaty for the Marriage of His present Majesty, then Prince of *Wales*, and Her Majesty the Queen, then Princess *Caroline* of *Brunswick*, it was stipulated and agreed, that in the event of the Death of His Majesty, the annual Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds should be secured to Her said Majesty, in lieu of Dower: And whereas an Act passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the
Third, intituled *An Act for the better enabling His Majesty to make* 35G.3.c.129.
Provision for a sure and certain Jointure for Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, *for the Term of her Life:* And whereas no Letters Patent for granting any Annuity under this Act were ever granted by His said late Majesty: And whereas another Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the
Third, intituled *An Act to enable His Majesty to settle an Annuity* 54G.3.c.160.
upon Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, *during the joint Lives of His Majesty and Her Royal Highness;* whereby it was

enacted,

enacted, that it should and might be lawful to and for His Majesty, then Prince Regent, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to give and grant to Her said Majesty, then Princess of *Wales*, one Annuity of Thirty-five thousand Pounds, of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, for and during the joint Lives of His late Majesty and of Her Majesty, then Princess of *Wales*; and it was further enacted, that His Majesty, then Prince Regent, was thereby declared to be and should be, and was by that Act freed and fully indemnified against and wholly discharged from all Debts, Claims, and Demands which might thereafter be incurred by, or might in any manner have arisen or might thereafter arise out of any Expenditure of Her Majesty, then Princess of *Wales*; and every Action, or Suit, or Proceeding against His Majesty, then Prince of *Wales*, or against any Commissioner or Officer of His Majesty, then Prince of *Wales*, or affecting any Revenue of His Majesty, then Prince of *Wales*, for or in respect of any such Debt, Claim, or Demand, should be and was thereby declared to be wholly null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever: And whereas by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, granted and executed in pursuance of the said last-recited Act, an Annuity of Thirty-five thousand Pounds, of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, was given to Her Majesty the Queen, then Princess of *Wales*, to commence from the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and to continue during the joint Lives of His said late Majesty and Her Majesty: And whereas the said Annuity having ceased by the Demise of His late Majesty, it is necessary that further Provision should be made for Her Majesty the Queen: 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 Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the King's most Excellent Majesty, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to give and grant to Her said Majesty the Queen, for the separate Use of Her said Majesty, One Annuity of Fifty thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be issuing and payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; which Annuity of Fifty thousand Pounds shall commence and take effect from the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, and continue from thenceforth for and during the natural Life of Her Majesty; and that on the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, the Sum of Sixty-two thousand five hundred Pounds shall be issued and paid to her Majesty out of the said Consolidated Fund, being the Amount of the said Annuity accruing between the said Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and twenty, and the said Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one; and that from and after the said Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, the said Annuity shall be paid and payable at the Four most usual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to say, the Fifth Day of *July*, the

His Majesty empowered to grant an Annuity of 50,000*l.* to the Queen:

To commence Jan. 5, 1820.

62,500*l.* the Money accruing to be paid on April 5, 1821; afterwards Annuity to be paid Quarterly.

the Tenth Day of *October*, the Fifth Day of *January*, and the Fifth Day of *April* in every Year, by even and equal Portions, the First Quarterly Payment thereof to be made on the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one; and that the said Annuity of Fifty thousand Pounds shall and may be issuing and payable out of the said Consolidated Fund, after paying or reserving sufficient to pay all such Sums as shall have been directed to be paid out of the same by any Act or Acts of Parliament made previous to the Time of passing this Act, and with a Preference to all other Payments which shall or may at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act be charged upon and payable out of the said Fund.

Annuity to be payable at the Exchequer.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Annuity of Fifty thousand Pounds shall be paid and payable at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer; and the Auditor of the said Receipt shall and he is hereby required, by virtue of such Letters Patent, to make forth and pass Debentures from Time to Time, for paying the said Annuity as the same shall become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the same or any Part thereof; and the Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts of Her said Majesty, or of such other Person or Persons as shall by Her said Majesty be duly authorized and appointed to receive the said Annuity, or any Part thereof, shall be a good and sufficient Discharge for the Payment thereof; and the said Debentures, to be made forth and passed as aforesaid, 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 to Her said Majesty, or any such Person as aforesaid, during the Continuance thereof, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

30,277*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* advanced to Her Majesty out of the 200,000*l.* to be retained in the Exchequer.

III. And whereas the Sum of Thirty thousand two hundred and seventy-seven Pounds Eight Shillings and Ten-pence has been advanced to Her Majesty, out of the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds granted in the last Session of Parliament, to enable His Majesty, among other Things, to make such Advances as might be necessary for the Expences of Her Majesty until Parliament should make other Provision in respect thereof; be it therefore enacted, That out of the first Monies directed to be issued and paid to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, under the Provisions of this Act, there shall be retained in the Exchequer, to continue and remain, and be carried to the Account of the said Consolidated Fund, a Sum equal to the said Sum of Thirty thousand two hundred and seventy-seven Pounds Eight Shillings and Ten-pence, so advanced to Her Majesty as aforesaid.

Annuity to be free from Taxes, &c. and to be in Bar of Dower.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Annuity of Fifty thousand Pounds, and every Part thereof, shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Rates, and Assessments, and all other Charges whatsoever, imposed or to be imposed by Authority of Parliament, or otherwise howsoever; and such Annuity shall be and be deemed to be a Bar to any Right or Claim under the said Marriage Treaty, or

the said recited Act of the Thirty-fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, or otherwise howsoever, or to Dower, or to any Part of any Personal Estate of His Majesty, in the event of Her Majesty surviving His Majesty.

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