CAP. LIII.

An Act for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to the Payment of Army Prize Money.

[23d *June* 1832.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and bring into One 'Act all the Provisions of the several Acts now in force re- 'lating to Army Prize Money, and to alter and amend several of 'the Provisions thereof:' 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 an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating the Payment of Army Prize Money, and to provide for the Payment of unclaimed and forfeited Shares to* Chelsea *Hospital;* and also an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for extending the Provisions of an Act of the Fifty-fourth Year of His present Majesty, for regulating the Payment of Army Prize Money; and for authorizing the Commissioners of* Chelsea *Hospital to suspend the Pension of such Persons as shall be guilty of Frauds in respect of Prize Money or Pensions;* and also so much of an Act passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating the Payment of Regimental Debts, and the Distribution of the Effects of Officers and Soldiers dying in Service, and the Receipt of Sums due to Soldiers,* as enacts, that from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen it shall not be lawful for any Agent or Agents appointed for the Distribution of Army Prize or Bounty Money, Grant or other Allowances of Money in the Nature thereof, or for the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, to pay the Share of any Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier to any Person or Persons whatsoever other than the Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier entitled to the same, or to the next of Kin or Executor or Administrator of such Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, or to the Agent of any Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of His Majesty's Army or Militia, duly authorized by the Party entitled thereto to receive the same; and also so much of the said Act as enacts, that it shall not be lawful for the Agent appointed for the Distribution of Army Prize or Bounty Money, Grants or other Allowances of Money in the Nature thereof, or for the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, to pay to any Creditor taking out Letters of Administration to a deceased Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, out of the Share of such deceased Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, any further or greater Sum than shall appear, by Affidavit to be made by the Person taking out Letters of Administration, to be due to him at the Time of taking out such Letters of Administration; and also an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to regulate the Payment of Army Prize Money;* and also an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to extend Two Acts of His late Majesty for Distribution of Prize Money to all Cases of*

Acts and Parts of Acts repealed; viz.
54 G. 3. c. 86.
57 G. 3. c. 77.
58 G. 3. c. 73.
1 G. 4. c. 84.
4 G. 4. c. 65.

of Capture that have been made by Foreign Ships or Land Forces in conjunction with His Majesty's Ships or Land Forces; and also an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act to prevent the illegal pawning of Clothes and Stores belonging to* Chelsea *Hospital; to give further Powers to the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer of* Chelsea *and* Greenwich *Hospitals to punish Persons fraudulently receiving Prize Money or Pensions; and to enable the Commissioners of* Chelsea *Hospital to hold Lands purchased under the Will of Colonel* Drowley; shall be and the same is and are hereby repealed, except as to all Captures and Grants which shall have been made previously to the passing of this Act, which shall be regulated and distributed under the Provisions of the said herein-before recited Acts; and except as to all such Things as have been done previously to the passing of this Act, in pursuance of any of the said Acts hereby repealed, which shall be as effectual as if the said Acts still continued in force; and also except as to all Offences committed against any of the Provisions of any of the said Acts hereby repealed, which shall continue punishable as if the same had been committed after the passing of this Act, and against the Provisions thereof: Provided, that nothing in this Act shall revive or give any effect to any Act or Acts repealed by any of the said recited Acts.

5 G. 4. c. 107.

except as to Captures, &c. made before this Act, and as to Offences against recited Acts.

Repeal of recited Acts not to revive Acts by them repealed.

All Captures hereafter made by the Army shall be disposed of as His Majesty shall direct.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, in all Captures which shall be made by His Majesty's Army, Royal Artillery, Provincial, Black, and all other Troops in the Pay or Service of His Majesty, or belonging to His Majesty but in the Pay of the United Company of Merchants trading to the *East Indies*, or howsoever otherwise paid, of any Fortress or Possession of His Majesty's Enemies, or of any Ship or Vessel in any Road, River, Haven, or Creek belonging to such Fortress or Possession, and in all Captures, Expeditions, or Actions from which Prize Money, Bounty Money, or Grant shall arise, the Commanders and other Officers and Soldiers engaged therein shall have such Right and Interest as His Majesty shall think fit to order in all the Arms, Ammunition, Stores of War, Goods, Merchandize, Booty, Prize, and Treasure belonging to the State, or to any public Trading Company of such Enemies, which shall be found in such Fortress or Possession, or captured in or granted for any such Expedition or Action, to be divided in such Proportions, and according to such general Rule of Distribution for the Army, as shall be established by His Majesty, or in default thereof in such Manner as His Majesty shall under His Sign Manual be pleased to direct.

Deserters shall not be entitled to Prize Money.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, or other Person, who shall be entitled to share in any Prize or Capture taken from any of His Majesty's Enemies, or in any Grant on account of Services, and who shall desert or unlawfully withdraw from His Majesty's Service, shall have any Title to or Benefit from any Part of such Prize, Capture, or Grant which at the Time of such Desertion shall remain unpaid, but the Share or Shares of every such Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, or other Person, so deserting, or such Part thereof as at the Time of his or their Desertion shall remain unpaid, and also the Shares of all Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Soldiers which shall not be legally demanded within Six

Shares not claimed within Six Years after

Years

Years after the same shall have been paid to the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital as herein-after mentioned, shall be forfeited to the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, and applied in manner herein-after mentioned, unless such Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, or Soldiers as shall have deserted shall be restored by His Majesty's Proclamation, or otherwise pardoned; and unless, with respect to such Shares of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Soldiers as shall not be claimed within the Time above limited in that Behalf, reasonable Cause shall be shown to and allowed by the Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, why such last-mentioned Shares were not claimed in due Time.

being paid to the Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital to be forfeited, unless upon good Cause shown and allowed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in all such Captures, Expeditions, or Actions as aforesaid, the receiving and collecting of Booty, and all Appraisements and Sales of any Arms, Ammunition, Stores of War, Goods, Merchandize, and Treasure which shall be found in any such Fortress or Possession as aforesaid, and to which the Commanders and other Officers and Soldiers shall be entitled, shall be made by Agents appointed by the Commanders and other Officers entitled thereto; (that is to say,) the Commanders-in-Chief and Field Officers acting on the Expedition in which such Fortress or Possession was captured shall appoint an Agent; and the other Commissioned Officers entitled thereto, or the Majority of them if more than One, may appoint another Agent to act for them; such Appointment being made by Letter or Letters of Attorney duly executed for that Purpose, Copies of which shall be transmitted as herein-after mentioned; and no Person or Persons, except the Person or Persons so to be nominated and appointed Agent or Agents, and who shall have given Security as required by this Act, and who shall actually discharge the Duties of Agent, shall under any Pretence receive any Part or Share of any Commission or Percentage in respect of such Agency, or any Benefit out of any such Commission or Per-centage; and every Person so nominated and appointed Agent, who shall give to or allow to be taken by any other Person, and every Person who shall take, accept, or receive, either himself or by any other Person on his Behalf, or for his Use or Advantage, or for the Use or Advantage of any Part of his Family, any Part or Share of any such Commission, or any Emolument or Benefit thereout, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and also Double the Amount or Value of what shall have been so given or allowed to be taken, or shall have been so taken and received as aforesaid; such Penalty and Amount to be recovered as herein-after mentioned.

Appraisements and Sales shall be made by Agents appointed by the Commanders, &c.

Penalty on Agents permitting others to share in the Commission or Emolument in respect of Agency.

V. And be it further enacted, That before any Person so appointed shall act as Agent for Army Prize or Capture, he shall give Security, with Two sufficient Sureties, by a joint and several Bond, in the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, to the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital for the Time being, for duly and faithfully executing his said Trust, and accounting for and paying over all Sums of Money which shall come to his Hands by reason of his said Agency; which said Bond, together with Three attested Copies thereof, and also Three Copies of the Letter or Letters of Attorney appointing such Person Agent, shall be delivered by such Agent to the Commander-in-Chief acting on that Expedition, and shall

Agents shall give Security by Bond.

shall be in the Form or to the Effect set forth in the Schedule marked (A.) hereunto annexed.

Bond and Copies of Letter of Attorney to be transmitted to Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital, and to Commander-in-Chief at the Horse Guards.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Commander-in-Chief to whom such Bond and attested Copies shall be so delivered shall by the first Conveyance transmit the said Bond, and One attested Copy of the said Letter of Attorney, to the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, and One of the Copies of the said Bond to the Commander-in-Chief at the *Horse Guards*, and by the next Conveyance shall transmit One other such Copy of the Bond and Letter of Attorney to the said Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital and Commander-in-Chief's Office respectively; and the Letters of Attorney (or the Copies thereof in case the Original is lost) transmitted by the said Commander-in-Chief shall be good and sufficient Evidence of the Agency of the Person or Persons to whom such Letter of Attorney shall have been made, and shall be received and admitted, without further or other Proof thereof, to be legal Evidence in all His Majesty's Courts of Record, of Law or Equity, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; and if the original Bond given by any Agent shall be lost, or shall not have been received by the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital in pursuance of the Provisions of this Act, then a Copy of the said Bond, transmitted by the Commanding Officer, shall be admitted as Evidence of such a Bond having been given and entered into; and the Plaintiff in any Action to recover the Penalty of the same shall not be nonsuited, or have a Verdict against him, for Want of or Failure in producing the original Bond.

Letters of Attorney shall be Evidence of Agency;

and Copies of Bonds may be admitted as Evidence.

Bond to be put in Suit on Nonperformance of the Conditions.

VII. And be it further enacted, That upon the Nonperformance of any Condition of the said Bond the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital shall institute such Action and Actions, Suit and Suits, as may be expedient, for the Recovery of the Penalty thereof; and the same, when recovered, shall be paid to the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, to and for the Use of the said Royal Hospital, or of the Captors who shall have suffered Loss by the Nonperformance of the Conditions thereof.

A certified List of the Persons entitled to share in the Capture to be delivered or transmitted to Chelsea Hospital.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That as soon as shall be practicable after any Prize or Capture shall be made, or Engagement shall have taken place, the Commanding Officer of every Regiment or Corps entitled to share in the Proceeds of the said Capture, or from any Grant in consequence of such Engagement, shall transmit to the Treasurer of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* a List, according to the Form and containing the Particulars set forth in Schedule (B.) to this Act annexed, of the Persons in the Regiment or Corps under his Command entitled to share therein, which List shall be signed by the said Commanding Officer, the Names being arranged in the same Order in which they stand in the Muster Rolls of such Regiments or Corps, and the same shall be examined with and corrected by the Muster Rolls; and in case, from any urgent Cause, no such Prize List as aforesaid shall be sent to the Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital, the said Treasurer or his Deputy shall apply to the Commanding Officer, or proper Officer or Office, for Lists of the Persons entitled to share in such Capture, and such Lists shall thereupon be made out from the official Returns, and the proper Officer to whom such Application shall be made shall cause

cause the same to be made out, and certify the Truth thereof under his Hand; and any Person or Persons who shall alter the Name or Rank of any Person or Persons in any List which shall have been so certified as aforesaid, or erase or take away any Name therefrom or add any Name thereto, after the same shall have been so certified as aforesaid, with Intent to defraud any Person or Persons or Corporation whatsoever, shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered in manner herein-after mentioned.

Agents shall collect and convert into Money the Proceeds of Prize and Capture, and within One Month remit the same.

IX. And be it further enacted, That immediately after the Appointment of any Person or Persons to be the Agent or Agents for any such Prize or Capture, such Agent or Agents shall proceed to collect and convert into Money the whole Proceeds of such Prize or Capture, so far as the same relates to the Army, and shall, within One Month after receiving the Money arising therefrom, or any Part thereof, into his or their Hands, or becoming entitled to receive and capable of receiving the same, pay, or by safe Conveyance remit, unto the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital the Money arising from such Prize or Capture, or from the Proceeds thereof.

Accounts of Sales of Prizes to be sent, attested upon Oath.

X. And be it further enacted, That every Prize Agent shall, immediately after the Sale of the Proceeds of any Capture made by the Army is completed, transmit to the Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* an attested Copy of the detailed Accounts of the Sales of such Prize, duly verified upon Oath, together with attested Copies of all Vouchers relating thereto; and every such Agent who shall neglect or refuse to transmit to the said Treasurer such attested Copies of Accounts and Vouchers shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Agents or other Persons wilfully delaying the Payment to Chelsea Hospital shall pay Interest after the Rate of 1*l.* per Centum per Month.

XI. And be it further enacted, That any Agent appointed as aforesaid, or any Person employed by him to sell the Arms, Ammunition, Stores of War, Goods, Merchandize, or other Things taken as Prize, who shall retain in his Hands the Money arising from such Sale for more than One Month after the same shall have come into his Hands, so that any wilful or unnecessary Delay shall happen in the said Money being paid over to *Chelsea* Hospital, shall pay Interest thereon after the Rate of One Pound *per Centum per* Month for such Time as the same shall remain in his Hands or Custody, such Interest to be shared amongst the Captors entitled to such Prize, and shall forfeit to *Chelsea* Hospital the Sum of Five hundred Pounds for the undue withholding of Prize Money.

Agency Per-centage not to exceed 1½ per Cent. exclusive of Brokerage and all other Charges.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Per-centage for Agency (exclusive of Brokerage and actual necessary Payments, for which Vouchers shall be produced,) for any Prize, Grant, or Capture shall in no Case exceed in the whole the Sum of One and a Half *per Cent.* to be charged upon the net Money paid to the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital for Distribution; and such Per-centage shall not be deducted from the Sum to be paid by the said Agent to the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, but shall be repaid by the said Treasurer at the Time mentioned in this Act; and no Agent or Agents shall be entitled to receive any Part of the Per-centage out of any Grant or Capture by this Act directed to be allowed to him or them until Two Months after Distribution shall have been commenced by

Agents shall not receive any Part of the Per-centage until Two Months after Distribution.

by the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, unless the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital shall direct such Per-centage, or any Part thereof, to be earlier paid to the Agent entitled thereto.

5l. per Centum to be deducted from Prize Money for the Purposes herein-after mentioned.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Sum of Five Pounds *per Centum* shall be deducted and retained by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital from and out of the net Proceeds of all Prize Money, Bounty Money, Grant, or other Allowance of Money in the Nature of Prize or Grant, which shall come into or be in the Hands of such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer for Distribution; and the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer shall from Time to Time pay over or invest the Sums so retained and deducted in the Three *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, in like Manner as the Balance of forfeited and unclaimed Shares of Prize Money are now invested, and for the Purposes herein-after mentioned.

Future Grants for Services to be received by Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all Grants hereafter to be made by His Majesty or by Parliament, or otherwise, to the Officers and Troops of any Division of the Army employed upon or engaged in any Capture or Expedition, shall, unless by the Grant otherwise expressly directed, be received on behalf of the Army by the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital or his Deputy, to be distributed to the Persons entitled thereto, according to their respective Proportions, under the Provisions of this Act.

Agents, when called upon, shall assist the Treasurer in making out the Scale of Distribution.

XV. And be it further enacted, That so soon as any Money arising from Capture or Grant shall have been paid to the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital or his Deputy for Distribution, the Agent or Agents appointed as herein-before mentioned, and any Person or Persons acting or employed as such, shall, when called upon by Notice in Writing signed by the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer for that Purpose, aid and assist the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer in making out the Scale and Lists of Distribution, and in completing all Matters relating to such Distribution.

If Agents refuse or neglect to comply herewith, the Treasurer may withhold their Per-centage.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Agent shall refuse or neglect to deliver the Lists required to be delivered to the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, or to comply with any of the Provisions of this Act, so far as the same relate to such Agent or Agents, it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer to withhold the Payment of the Whole or any Part of the Per-centage otherwise payable to the said Agent or Agents, until such Time as he or they shall have performed the Duties and complied with all the Provisions in the said Act contained.

The Treasurer, at the End of Three Months from Receipt of Prize Money, shall give Notification of Distribution;

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital shall at the End of Three Months from the Time when the Proceeds of any Prize Money, or Money arising from any Grant, were paid over to him as aforesaid, or as soon after as shall be practicable, give public Notification in the *London Gazette* and in Two *London* Morning Newspapers that the Payment of the Shares to the Captors will take place at the End of One Month from the Insertion of the said Notification, and at the same Time shall notify the Amount of the Share of an Individual in each Class, and shall continue to publish such Notifications in every succeeding Gazette, and Twice a Week in the said Two *London* Morning Newspapers, until the End of the said Month, when Distribution thereof shall be made to the Captors, in like Manner as Dis-

Distribution is now made by the said Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital of unclaimed Shares and Balances by virtue of any Act now in force, or in such other Manner as the Commissioners of the said Hospital, or any Three or more of them, shall direct.

shall keep open Office for receiving Claims for Shares.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, or his Deputy, shall keep an Office open from Ten of the Clock in the Morning to Four of the Clock in the Afternoon of every Day in the Week (*Sundays* excepted), for the Purpose of receiving Claims for Shares, and shall pay such Shares, when demanded, according to the Regulations in this Act contained.

How Prize Money is to be paid to Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers.

XIX. And be it enacted, That all Shares of Prize Money due or to become due to Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers, whether in His Majesty's Service at the Time of making Application, or previously discharged therefrom, and of all Grants already made or hereafter to be made by His Majesty, or Parliament, or otherwise, which by virtue of this Act shall be or become payable by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, shall be paid by the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer in manner herein-after mentioned, and in no other Manner; (that is to say,) to such Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, upon their personal Application, and in Default of personal Application then the Share of any Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier may be paid to any Person standing in the Relationship of Wife or Child, Father or Mother, or Brother or Sister, or to the Regimental Agent of the Regiment to which such Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier entitled thereto belongs, or did belong at the Time of such Prize Money becoming due, or to any other Regimental Agent, in case there shall be no Regimental Agent of the Corps to which such Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier belongs or did belong to whom the same can be paid on his Behalf, by an Order in the Form set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed marked (C.); and the Person making such Order shall also procure and transmit a Certificate in the Form or to the Effect set forth in the Schedule annexed marked (D.), which Certificate shall be signed by the Commanding Officer, Adjutant, and Paymaster of the Regiment in which such Person shall be serving, provided the Signatures of such Officers can be obtained, and in case the Signatures of all or any of such respective Officers cannot be obtained, by reason of the Regiment being on Detachment, or other unavoidable Cause, then such Certificate shall be signed by such of the said Officers as may be present where the Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier is serving, and by any other Commissioned Officer of the Regiment or Corps then present, so that there shall not be less than the Signatures of Three Commissioned Officers to such Certificate; or in case such Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall be detached from his Regiment, or be in any Hospital or Sick Quarters, so that he cannot procure such Certificate of his Officers as above mentioned, the same shall be stated particularly on the Order, and the Certificate shall be signed by the Three senior Officers belonging to such Detachment, or by the Surgeon or principal Medical Officer belonging to such Hospital or Sick Quarters (as the Case may require), and by Two other principal Military or Civil Officers belonging to such Hospital or residing at Sick Quarters; or in case such Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall have been discharged from the Service, then he shall make his Order in the Form

Form aforesaid, and shall procure and transmit a Certificate in the Form or to the Effect set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed marked (E.), and which shall be signed by the Minister and One of the Churchwardens or Overseers, or (if in *Scotland*) by the Minister and One of the Elders, in the Parish or Place in which such discharged Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier may then reside; or if such Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall be dead, then the Person entitled to receive his Share of such Prize or Bounty Money shall make an Order in the Form set forth in the Schedule to this Act marked (F.), and shall procure and transmit a Certificate in the Form or to the Effect set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed marked (FF.), which Certificate shall be signed by the Minister and One of the Churchwardens or Overseers, or (if in *Scotland*) by the Minister and One of the Elders, of the Parish or Place in which such Person shall then reside; which said several Certificates shall be printed under the Orders to which they respectively belong.

But in certain Cases Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital may direct Payment of Prize Orders made in favour of other Persons than Regimental Agents.

XX. And be it enacted, That in all Cases in which Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers shall, previously to the passing of this Act, have made their Prize Orders in favour of other Persons than Regimental Agents, either from the Circumstance of there having been no Agent for the Regiment, Battalion, or Corps to which such Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers belonged or were attached at the Date or making of such Prize Orders respectively, or from any other Cause which shall seem reasonable and sufficient to the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital, and in all Cases in which Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers shall hereafter make their Prize Orders in favour of other Persons than Regimental Agents, from the Circumstance of there being no Agent appointed for the Regiment, Battalion, or Corps to which such Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers respectively belong or are attached at the Time of making their Prize Orders, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* and they are hereby authorized and empowered to direct Payment to be made upon such Orders, by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital, to the Persons named as the Payee therein, or to the legal Representative of such Payee.

Stamp Duty upon Orders, except for Payments under 40*s*.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That upon every Order made in *England* for the Payment of Prize or Bounty Money, or Money upon Grants, (except where the Sum to be paid shall not amount to Forty Shillings, which is hereby exempted from Duty,) a Stamp Duty of One Shilling, and no more, shall be payable to His Majesty; and that no Order purporting to authorize the Receipt of Shares due to more than One Person shall be deemed valid, but that the same shall be void and of no Effect, nor shall any Order be valid if made or certified within Five Miles of *Chelsea* Hospital.

Orders for each Person's Share to be separate.

No Fee to be taken on paying any Share.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That no Person paying any Share or Balance of Army Prize Money shall receive or retain any Fee, Gratuity, or Reward on account of any Act or Thing done relating to the procuring or paying the same, under any Pretence whatsoever, on pain of forfeiting for every such Offence One hundred Pounds.

Persons employed by the

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person employed by the Commissioners or any Officer of *Chelsea* Hospital in executing the

the Regulations of this Act shall act as an Agent for Prizes, or be concerned, directly or indirectly, in the Business thereof, under the Penalty of Five hundred Pounds, to be recovered as herein-after mentioned.

Hospital not to act as Prize Agents.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Assignment, Bargain, Sale, or Contract, made or given by any Commissioned Officer for or in respect of any Prize or other Money paid into *Chelsea* Hospital, shall be valid, unless it be therein expressed what was the Consideration Money actually paid by the Person or Persons in whose Favour such Assignment, Bargain, Sale, or Contract is made, to the Person making and executing the same; and upon every such Assignment, Bargain, Sale, or Contract, the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital shall only pay to the Person or Persons claiming under or by virtue thereof so much Money as shall appear to have been advanced and paid as such Consideration Money as aforesaid, together with Interest for the same after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, where it shall appear upon such Assignment, Bargain, Sale, or Contract that Interest was intended to be paid thereon.

All Assignments shall express the true Consideration Money paid on the said Assignments being made.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* to authorize their Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to pay to any Person or Persons who shall prove him, her, or themselves, to the Satisfaction of such Commissioners or of the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, to be the next of Kin or legal Representative, or otherwise entitled to any Share of Prize Money belonging to any deceased Officer, Soldier, or other Person, any such Share not exceeding Fifty Pounds, although such Person shall not have regularly taken out Letters of Administration to or have procured the Probate of any Will of the Party originally entitled thereto, to enable him legally to demand such Share of Prize Money.

The Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital may authorize the Payment of Shares not exceeding 50*l.* to next of Kin, &c. without Administration.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases of Claim for Prize Money made by the next of Kin of Foreigners who shall have been in the Pay of His Majesty as Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers, and who shall have died intestate, it shall be lawful, when such next of Kin shall reside out of His Majesty's Dominions, for the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital for the Time being to pay and discharge such Claims to such next of Kin, or any Person or Persons duly authorized by such next of Kin to receive the same, without requiring the Production of Letters of Administration; and in all Cases where such Foreign Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers shall have made Wills it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer in like Manner to pay and satisfy such Claims to the Person or Persons who by Inspection of the original Will, or an authenticated Copy thereof, shall appear to be entitled thereto, or to such Person or Persons as he, she, or they shall duly authorize to receive the same, without requiring the Production of Probates of such Wills.

Claim of Prize Money by the next of Kin of Foreigners to be paid without Letters of Administration, &c.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Secretary at War for the Time being, upon Proof satisfactorily made to him that there was any Regimental or other public Debt due from any Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, at the Time of his Death, and that such Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier had Prize Money due to him at his Decease, to issue to the

Regimental Debts of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, or Soldiers, may be paid out of their Prize Money.

the Treasurer of the said Hospital or his Deputy a Certificate of the Amount of such Regimental Debts, together with a Requisition that the same may be paid out of the Prize Money of such Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier; and the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital shall thereupon reserve out of the said Prize Money and pay over to the Person named in such Requisition the Amount so due from the said Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, before any other Claim upon the said Prize Money shall be paid; and the Order of the said Secretary at War, and the Receipt of the Payee in such Requisition named, shall be the full and sufficient Voucher and Discharge to the said Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital for the Amount so paid.

Creditor taking out Administration entitled only to the Payment of the Sum due to him.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital to pay to any Creditor taking out Letters of Administration to a deceased Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, any further or greater Sum out of the Share of such deceased Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier than shall appear by Affidavit to be made by the Person taking out Letters of Administration, or other satisfactory Proof to be given by him, to have been due to him at the Time of taking out such Letters of Administration.

In all conjunct Expeditions, after Adjudication by a Court of Admiralty, the Shares of the Army, as soon as ascertained, to be paid over to the Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That in all conjunct Expeditions of His Majesty's Land and Naval Forces, from and after the Adjudication of all and every Ship or Vessel, with their Arms, Ammunition, Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, and all the Goods, Merchandize, and other Effects on board the same, and of every other Matter or Thing subject to such Adjudication which shall be captured in any Road, Haven, River, or Creek belonging to such Fortress or Possession, or otherwise, as lawful Prize to His Majesty, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Admiralty or Vice Admiralty which shall be duly authorized to take cognizance of the same, and which Courts are hereby required to proceed therein to lawful Adjudication, the Share and Proportion of His Majesty's Army, Royal Artillery, Provincial, Black, and other Troops in the Pay of or belonging to His Majesty, or in the Pay of the United Company of Merchants trading to the *East Indies*, shall, as soon as such Shares shall be ascertained, be paid over to the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, in order that the same may be distributed, subject to the Provisions, Penalties, Rules, Remedies, and Regulations of this Act.

Registrars of Admiralty Court to transmit quarterly a List of the Prizes adjudged.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the Registrars of the High Court of Appeals and High Court of Admiralty respectively shall, on the First Day of *January*, the First Day of *April*, the First Day of *July*, and the First Day of *October* in every Year, transmit to the Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital or his Deputy a List of all the Prizes taken in any conjunct Expeditions with the Navy and Army which shall have been adjudged in their Courts respectively in the Three Months preceding, together with the Names of the capturing Ships and their Commanders, and of the Agents for the Captors, and the Dates of the Captures and Sentences respectively.

Registrars of Vice Admiralty Courts to do the same.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That the Registrars of every Vice Admiralty Court shall, on the First Day of *January*, the First Day of *April*, the First Day of *July*, and the First Day of *October*

in every Year, or so soon after each of such Quarter Days respectively as any Ship shall sail for *England*, transmit to the Treasurer of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* a List of all the Prizes taken in any such conjunct Expedition as aforesaid which have been adjudged in their Courts respectively during the preceding Quarter of a Year, together with the Dates of the several Captures, as far as the same may appear, the Names of the capturing Ships and their Commanders, the Agents of the Captors, a Copy of the Decretal Part of the Sentences upon the same, and at the same Time deliver or cause to be delivered a Duplicate of the same to the Deputy of the said Treasurer resident at the Place where such Courts of Vice Admiralty are or shall be established, or to which their Jurisdiction shall extend; and in case any such Registrar of any Vice Admiralty Court shall neglect or refuse to transmit such Lists, or to deliver Duplicates thereof, at the Times and in the Manner aforesaid, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

Registrars to transmit to the Treasurer Copies of all Letters of Attorney delivered to them, with the Particulars of Prizes.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the Registrar or Registrars of His Majesty's High Court of Admiralty, and of all other Courts of Admiralty or Vice Admiralty in His Majesty's Dominions, shall, on the First Day of *January*, the First Day of *April*, the First Day of *July*, and the First Day of *October* in every Year, or within Fourteen Days after each of such Quarter Days respectively so far as relates to the High Court of Admiralty, and with respect to Courts of Vice Admiralty as soon after each such Quarter Days as any Ship shall sail for *Great Britain*, deliver or transmit unto the Treasurer of the said Hospital, or to the Deputy Treasurer, for the Time being, a true Copy, under his or their Hand or Hands, of all Letters of Attorney that shall be exhibited or delivered to them after the passing of this Act by any Agent or Agents for any Prize or Prizes taken or to be taken by any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War, or hired armed Ships, in any conjunct Expedition with His Majesty's Army, or by any Agent or Agents for the Receipt and Distribution of any Bounty Bill or Bills in which the Army shall be entitled to share, which Copy shall contain the Days of Delivery and Entry, and the Dates of the Letters of Attorney, the Names and Places of Abode of the Agents, the Names of the Prizes taken, or of the Ships of War or Privateers of the Enemy taken, burnt, sunk, or otherwise destroyed, together with the Names of the Ships or Vessels by which such Prizes shall have been taken, or by which such Ships of War or Privateers of the Enemy shall have been taken, burnt, sunk, or otherwise destroyed, together with the Date of the Condemnation (if any Condemnation shall have passed thereon) and of the Appeal (if any interposed), to which Copies the Judge and Judges of the said Court and Courts shall affix his and their Seal of Office; and the said Copies, when received by the said Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, shall be there registered, and open to Inspection by any Person *gratis;* the Charges of which Copies, and affixing the Seal or Seals thereto, and transmitting the same to the Treasurer of the said Hospital, shall be paid by the said Agent or Agents at the Time of registering his or their respective Letter or Letters of Attorney; and in case such Registrar or Registrars shall neglect or refuse to transcribe and transmit such Copy and Copies of the said Letter

and Letters of Attorney in manner aforesaid, such Registrar and Registrars so neglecting or refusing shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered as herein-after mentioned.

Notice of Condemnation shall be sent to the Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That every Agent resident in the United Kingdom shall, within One Month after any Condemnation in the High Court of Admiralty of any Prize taken in any conjunct Expedition with the Army, transmit a Notice of such Condemnation to the Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, or his Deputy, together with an Account of the State of the Property condemned at the Time of such Transmission, and shall from Time to Time furnish to the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer such other Particulars as shall be required by him for the Purposes of this Act, or pain of forfeiting for every Neglect the Sum of One hundred Pounds, unless a reasonable Cause be shown to and approved by the Court of Admiralty why such Information and Particulars have not been furnished as aforesaid.

Letters on the Affairs of Chelsea Hospital to go free of Postage.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Letters or Packets addressed to the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital for the Time being, upon any Business or Affairs relative to Prize Matters, or upon any other Business or Affairs of the said Royal Hospital, shall be freed from the Duty of Postage; and that all Letters or Packets sent by them or either of them upon *such* Business or Affairs shall be sent free from the said Duty of Postage; and all such Letters and Packets shall be under Cover, with the Words "pursuant to Act of Parliament *William* 4th, C. ," printed upon the Cover, and the Signature of the said Treasurer or his Deputy shall be written under the same; and each of them is hereby strictly prohibited from sending under such Covers any Writing, Paper, or Parcel whatsoever, excepting such as relate to the Business or Affairs of the said Royal Hospital; and if either of the said Parties, or any other Person, shall send or convey under any of the Covers aforesaid any Writing, Paper, or Parcel other than those relating to the Business or Affairs of the said Royal Hospital, the Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered as herein-after mentioned.

Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital may issue Precepts to such Persons as they believe to have received Money belonging to Troops, to render an Account of the same within a limited Time.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* from Time to Time to issue Precepts under their Hands, or under the Hands of any Three or more of them (such Precepts to be in the Form set forth in the Schedule to this Act marked (H.), to such Persons as they may have Reason to believe have received Monies payable to such Officers, Soldiers, or Troops as aforesaid, under any Power of Attorney or Order heretofore or hereafter to be executed, requiring them, within Two Calendar Months next after the Time at which such Precept shall have been served, in case the Person or Persons to whom it shall be directed shall reside within the United Kingdom, but if he or they shall reside in any of His Majesty's Dominions Abroad, then by the first Ship which shall sail from the Port or Place nearest to that at which such Person or Persons shall reside next after the Expiration of Two Calendar Months from the Time at which such Precept shall have been served as aforesaid, to deliver or transmit upon Oath (which Oath any

any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, or the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* for the Time being, is hereby authorized to administer,) an Account of all Monies which may have been received by such Person or Persons under such Powers or Orders as aforesaid; and in case the same or any Part thereof shall have been paid over, then the said Account shall specify to whom the same or any Part thereof has been so paid over; and the said Parties shall at the same Time pay or remit to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital such Part of the said Monies as shall remain in his or their Hands unpaid to the Parties beneficially entitled to it, or to their Use; and in case such Monies shall not be paid over or remitted to the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer within the Time limited by this Act, the same shall be recoverable from the Person detaining the same, by Action for Money had and received or otherwise, in the Name of such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea;* and the same, when so paid in or recovered, shall be for the Use of the Parties beneficially entitled thereto, or be otherwise applied as forfeited and unclaimed Shares of Army Prize are by this Act directed to be applied; and in case any Person or Persons upon whom any such Precept shall be served as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to deliver or transmit such Account within the Time limited by this Act, he or they shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the Use of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered as herein-after mentioned.

Precepts to be repeated until Accounts rendered.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons upon whom any such Precept or Precepts shall have been served shall neglect or refuse to pay Obedience thereto, and shall in consequence thereof pay the Penalty incurred by such Disobedience, it shall nevertheless be lawful for the said Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital, and they are hereby empowered, to repeat such Precept or Precepts until the Accounts thereby required shall have been duly rendered and delivered; and such Person and Persons are hereby declared to be liable to a separate Penalty of One hundred Pounds for every Precept to be served upon him or them, to which due Obedience shall not be paid, to be recovered in manner aforesaid.

Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital to have Access to Books, &c. when Prize Money or Accounts are supposed to be withheld or imperfectly rendered.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, with respect to all Monies which have been received by such Person or Persons as last aforesaid, under any Power or Order whatsoever, at all seasonable Times to have Access to the Books, Papers, Accounts, and Vouchers of any Person or Persons to whom such Precepts shall be directed, relative to such Transactions to which such Precepts shall have Reference, and such Person and Persons are hereby required to produce the same to the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer whenever he or they shall be required so to do, in order that such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer may peruse, examine, and take Extracts or Copies of so much thereof as he may think proper; and in case any such Person or Persons as last aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to produce such Books, Papers, and Accounts, or any or either of them, upon Ten Days Notice to be given to him or them for that Purpose, he or

they shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, to the Use of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered as hereafter mentioned.

Prize Money in the Hands of Persons upon whom Precepts are served to be considered as belonging to Chelsea Hospital.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and immediately after the Service of any such Precept as aforesaid all Monies received under such Powers or Orders as aforesaid, which shall at that Time be in the Hands of the Person or Persons to whom such Precept shall be directed, shall be deemed and considered to be the Property of the Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, to be applied by them in the Manner by this Act directed; and with respect to the Monies which may have been received by such Person or Persons as aforesaid, under any Power or Order which shall have been made and executed before the passing of this Act, in case the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer shall, upon Inspection of the Vouchers and other Documents relating to any Account which shall be rendered and delivered in obedience to any such Precept or Precepts as aforesaid, be dissatisfied with such Account, and have Reason to believe that the Payments therein stated to have been made, or any or either of them, have not been really and truly made, or that such Account is in any other respect fraudulent or defective, it shall be lawful for such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, and they are hereby respectively authorized and empowered, to file a Bill in Equity against such Person or Persons, in order to such Account being regularly taken and examined, and other Proceedings being had relative thereto, according to the usual Course of Courts of Equity, such Bills to be filed in the Name of the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* for the Time being, and not to be considered defective on account of the Persons beneficially entitled to the Monies which shall be the Subject of them not being made Parties thereto.

When Frauds are discovered in Accounts, a Bill in Equity may be filed.

Treasurer or his Deputy empowered to prove Debts due to the Hospital;

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer for the Time being of the aforesaid Hospital, or their or either of their Deputy or Deputies to be by them or either of them for such Purposes nominated or appointed by Deed or Writing under their or either of their Hands or Hand, for and on behalf and in the Name or Names of the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer for the Time being, or either of them, or for and on behalf and in the Name or Names of the Commissioners for the Time being of the said Hospital, or any of them, to appear before the Commissioners or major Part of the Commissioners named or to be named in any Commission or Commissions of Bankrupt, in any public or private Meetings of such Commissioners under any such Commission or Commissions of Bankrupt, and to prove the Amount of all Prize or Bounty Money, Grant, or Monies, or Balances of Prize or Bounty Money, Grant, or Monies, or other Allowances of Money in the Nature thereof, in the Hands, Custody, or Power of or unpaid by such Bankrupt or Bankrupts respectively, at the Date and issuing of any such Commission of Bankrupt, in or to which the said Hospital, or the Army generally, or any Division or Divisions, Battalion or Battalions, Regiment or Regiments, Individual or Individuals of the Army, shall be interested or entitled under the several Acts of Parliament already enacted and now in force, or at any Time hereafter to be enacted or become

become in force, and to make every such Proof and Proofs of Debt upon the Oath or Affirmation, as the Case may require, of such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the said Hospital for the Time being, or of any Clerk or Clerks or other Officer or Officers of the said Hospital, conversant or acquainted with the Books and Affairs of the said Hospital, who shall swear or affirm as to the Amount of such Prize, Bounty, Grant, or other Monies, or Balances of Prize, Bounty, Grant, or other Monies of which such Proof shall be so tendered, to the best of his or their Knowledge and Belief, after an Examination of the Books of the said Hospital relating thereto, or by a Production of the Books of the said Hospital, or by a Production of the Certificate of the Examiner of Prize Accounts, or by a Production and Examination of the Book or Books of such Bankrupt or Bankrupts, or the personal Examination on Oath of such Bankrupt or Bankrupts respectively under such Commission or Commissions of Bankrupt, and which Production or Examination of the Bankrupt's Books and Accounts, and of such Bankrupt or Bankrupts themselves, the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, or such other Person or Persons as they or either of them shall so appoint as aforesaid, are hereby authorized and empowered to require, or in default of such Evidence, then by such other Evidence as to the said Commissioners named and authorized in every such Commission of Bankrupt under which such Proof shall be tendered, or the major Part of them, shall under the Circumstances seem reasonable; the making of every such Proof nevertheless to be liable to such Opposition, and every such Proof, when made, liable to be expunged, in the same Way and upon the same Evidence as any other Proof or Proofs of Debt by any other Person or Persons claiming to prove or having proved under such Commission or Commissions of Bankrupt respectively; and also to receive and take, and to give good and effectual Discharges for, all and every Dividend and Dividends payable or to become payable by or out of the Estate and Effects of such Bankrupt or Bankrupts, or any Part thereof, upon the Amount of any and every such Proof of Debt under such Commission; and also to vote in the Choice of any Assignee or Assignees of the Estate and Effects of every such Bankrupt for the whole Sum proved; and also to assent to or dissent from the signing and allowing the Certificate or Certificates of every such Bankrupt; and further, to have and exercise every other Right, Authority, and Power whatsoever in respect of the Estate and Effects of every such Bankrupt, or the Sale or Disposition thereof, and otherwise to act therein, or in any Matter relating thereto, in the same Manner and to the same Extent as any other Creditor of such Bankrupt proving a Debt to a like Amount under such Commission or Commissions of Bankrupt respectively might or could do; and also to come in and receive, and give legal and effectual Discharges for, any Dividend or Dividends payable or to become payable by or out of the Estate and Effects of any Insolvent Debtor or Debtors who at the Time of his or their presenting any Petition or Petitions for his or their Discharge or Discharges from Prison, under the several Acts now in force for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, or hereafter to come in force, shall have any Prize, Bounty, Grant, or other Money or Monies, or Balances of Prize, Bounty, Grant, or other Money or Monies, in his or their respective

and to give Discharges;

and to vote for Assignees;

and to assent to the allowing of Certificates.

Deputy Treasurer also to act on behalf of the Hospital in Cases of Insolvency.

tive Hands, in or to which the Hospital, or the Army generally, or any Division or Divisions, Battalion or Battalions, Regiment or Regiments, Individual or Individuals of the Army shall be so interested or entitled as aforesaid, and also to appear upon and oppose or consent to any such Petition of Discharge, and in all other respects to have and exercise every Right, Power, and Authority, in the same Manner and to the same Extent as any Creditor or Creditors of such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors for a like Amount.

Accounts to be laid annually before Parliament.

XL. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Deputy Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* for the Time being, and he is hereby required, to lay annually before both Houses of Parliament an Account in the Form set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed marked (K.), or in some other Form directed or approved by the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital; and such Accounts shall be made up to the Thirty-first Day of *December* in every Year, the first of them to commence from the Period up to which Accounts have been already laid before Parliament.

Treasurer to render an Account quarterly.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital shall render to the Commissioners of the said Hospital a just and true Account of all their Receipts and Payments, under the Authority of this Act, Four Times in every Year, (that is to say,) to the Thirty-first Day of *March*, the Thirtieth Day of *June*, the Thirtieth Day of *September*, and the Thirty-first Day of *December* in each Year, or at such other Times as the said Commissioners shall require; and the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to examine, audit, and finally pass the said Accounts; any Powers, Authorities, and Directions in any other Act of Parliament to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Forfeited or unclaimed Shares may be applied to the general Services of the Hospital.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* at all Times hereafter, by Warrant under their Hands, or under the Hands of any Three or more of them, directed to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the said Hospital, from Time to Time to appropriate such Sums of Money forming a Part of the Prize Money already forfeited and unclaimed, or hereafter to become forfeited and unclaimed, and also of the Per-centage hereafter to arise by virtue of this Act, as they may think expedient and proper, to the general Services and Expences of the said Royal Hospital, or relating thereto.

Treasurer may appoint Deputies for certain Purposes.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* for the Time being to nominate and appoint such Person or Persons as he may think fit to be his Deputy or Deputies, for the specific Purposes of receiving Applications and Claims for Prize and Bounty Monies to which the Army shall be entitled, and for such other specific Purposes of this Act as he may deem advisable, at such Ports or Places as he shall from Time to Time think necessary.

Receipts exempted from Stamp Duty.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act all Receipts given or taken for Prize Money

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or Balances paid or received by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital shall be exempt from any Duty of Stamps whatsoever; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Punishing Persons taking false Oaths.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall falsely make Oath to any of the Matters hereinbefore required to be verified on Oath, or suborn any other Person so to do, such Person or Persons shall suffer the like Pains and Penalties as are incurred by Persons committing wilful and corrupt Perjury.

Offence of taking a false Oath Abroad may be tried in any County in England.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That where the Offence of taking a false Oath, or suborning any Person so to do, or any of the Offences by this Act made cognizable in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in *Great Britain*, shall be committed out of this Realm, the same may be alleged to be committed, and may be laid, inquired of, tried, and determined in any County in *England*, in the same Manner to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been actually done or committed within the Body of such County.

Penalties and Forfeitures how to be recovered.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, wheresoever the same shall arise or become forfeited, may be recovered by Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in *Great Britain*, unless in Cases where any other Mode is by this Act particularly directed; and all Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, which shall arise or become forfeited in any Part of His Majesty's Dominions Abroad, may be recovered in any Court of Record of His Majesty in the Colony, Territory, or Place where the same shall arise or have become forfeited, or in any of His Majesty's Vice Admiralty Courts having Jurisdiction there.

Penalties to go to Chelsea Hospital.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That all pecuniary Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed, other than such as are by this Act directed to be otherwise applied and disposed of, shall go and be applied to the Use of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, and shall be sued for in the Name of the Commissioners thereof.

Punishment of Personation and Forgery.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall knowingly and willingly personate or falsely assume the Name or Character, or procure any other Person to personate or falsely assume the Name or Character of any Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, Soldier, or other Person entitled or supposed to be entitled to any Prize Money, Grant, Bounty Money, Share, or other Allowance of Money due or payable or supposed to be due or payable for or on account of any Service performed or supposed to have been performed by any Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, Soldier, or other Person who shall have really served or be supposed to have served in His Majesty's Army or in any other Military Service, or shall personate or falsely assume, or act, aid, or assist in personating or falsely assuming the Name or Character, or procure any other Person to personate or falsely assume the Name or Character of the Executor or Administrator, Wife, Widow, next of Kin, Relation, or Creditor of any such Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, Soldier, or other Person as aforesaid, in order to receive or to enable any other

other Person to receive any Prize Money, Grant, Bounty Money, Share, or other Allowance of Money due or payable or supposed to be due or payable for or on account of any Service performed or supposed to have been performed by any such Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, Soldier, or other Person as aforesaid; or if any Person shall forge or counterfeit or alter, or cause or procure to be forged or counterfeited or altered, or knowingly and willingly act or aid or assist in forging or counterfeiting or altering the Name or Handwriting of any Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, Soldier, or other Person entitled or supposed to be entitled to any Prize Money, Grant, Bounty Money, Share, or other Allowance of Money due or payable or supposed to be due or payable for or on account of any Service performed or supposed to have been performed by any Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, Soldier, or other Person who shall have really served or be supposed to have served in His Majesty's Army or other Military Service, or the Name or Handwriting of any Officer or under Officer, Clerk, or Servant of or in the Employ of the Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, or the Name or Handwriting of any Officer or Person in any way concerned in the paying, or the ordering, directing, or causing the Payment of any such Prize Money, Grant, Bounty Money, Share, or other Allowance of Money due or payable or supposed to be due or payable as aforesaid; or shall falsely make, forge, counterfeit, or alter, or willingly act, aid, or assist in the false-making, forging, counterfeiting, procuring, or altering any Letter of Attorney, Bill, Ticket, Order, Certificate, Voucher, Receipt, Will, or any other Power, Instrument, Warrant, Authority, Document, or Writing whatsoever, relating to or in anywise concerning the Payment of or the obtaining or claiming any such Prize Money, Grant, Bounty Money, Share, or other Allowance of Money due or payable or supposed to be due or payable as aforesaid, in order to receive, obtain, or claim any such Prize Money, Grant, Bounty Money, Share, or other Allowance of Money due or payable or supposed to be due or payable as aforesaid, or shall utter or publish as true, or knowingly and willingly act or aid or assist in uttering or publishing as true any falsely made or forged or counterfeited or altered Letter of Attorney, Bill, Ticket, Order, Certificate, Voucher, Receipt, Will, or any other Power, Instrument, Warrant, Authority, Document, or Writing whatsoever, with Intention to receive, obtain, or claim, or to enable any other Person to receive, obtain, or claim from the said Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital, or from any Officer, under Officer, Clerk, or Servant of the said Commissioners, or from any Person whatsoever authorized or supposed to be authorized to pay the same, the Payment of any such Prize Money, Grant, Bounty Money, Share, or other Allowance of Money due or payable or supposed to be due or payable as aforesaid, with Intention to defraud any Person or Persons whatsoever, or any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate whatsoever; or shall knowingly take a false Oath in order to obtain Letters of Administration or the Probate of any Will, in order to receive, obtain, or claim, or to enable any other Person to receive, obtain, or claim any Prize Money, Grant, Bounty Money, Share, or other Allowance of Money due or payable or supposed to be due or payable

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for or on account or in respect of the Service of any Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, Soldier, or other Person as aforesaid, who shall have really served or be supposed to have served in His Majesty's Army or other Military Service, or shall demand or receive any Prize Money, Grant, Bounty Money, Share, or other Allowance of Money due or payable or supposed to be due or payable as aforesaid, upon Letters of Administration or a Probate of a Will, knowing the Will on which such Probate shall have been obtained to be false, forged, or counterfeited, or knowing such Letters of Administration or the Probate of such Will as last aforesaid to have been obtained by means of any such false Oath, with Intention to defraud any Person or Persons whatsoever, or any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate whatsoever; all and every Person so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be and are and is hereby declared and adjudged to be guilty of Felony, and shall be transported beyond the Seas for Life, or for any Term not less than Seven Years, as the Court before whom such Person or Persons shall be convicted shall adjudge.

All Prize Money, &c. shall be deemed public Money.

L. And be it enacted, That all Prize and Bounty Money, Grant, or other Money or Monies in the Nature thereof, which shall become payable to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital in manner herein-before mentioned, shall be deemed to be public Monies in the Hands of any Persons receiving or detaining the same.

SCHEDULES to which this Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

KNOW all Men by these Presents, That We, the Agent of and the Sureties of are jointly and severally held and firmly bound to the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital for the Time being, and to each of them, in the Sum of Two thousand Pounds of lawful Money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, current in England, to be paid to the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital for the Time being, or either of them, or their certain Attorney, Successors, or Assigns, for which Payment to be well and truly made we bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these Presents sealed with our Seals, dated the Day of in the Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and .

THE Condition of the above-written Obligation is such, that if the above-bounden shall duly execute his Trust in all Matters of Prize Agency committed to his Care, particularly in all Matters relating to the selling the Property, and the collecting and receiving and transmitting and paying over all Prize or Bounty Money, Grants, and other Allowances of Money arising from Capture or Service at and if the above-bounden

bounden his Executors and Administrators, do and shall in all Things strictly conform to the Rules, Regulations, and Provisions of the several Acts now in force with respect to Prize or Bounty Money, Grants, or other Allowances of Money, as far as the said Acts relate to the Duties of an Agent, particularly an Act passed in the Year of His Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for consolidating and amending "the Laws relating to the Payment of Army Prize Money," then this Obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

SCHEDULE (B.)

Form of Prize List.

Name.	Company or Troop.	Rank.	Trade or Calling.	Place of Birth.	Whether dead, and Date of Death.	Remarks.

SCHEDULE (C.)

Order for paying the Prize Money of serving.

Name.	Company or Troop.	Rank.	Trade or Calling.	Place of Birth.	£ s. d.

Should the Prize Money to be received on this Order amount to Two Pounds, this Bill must be on a Shilling Stamp.

AT Seven Days Sight pay to [*or* to the Regimental Agent, *as the Case may be*,] the Amount of the Share of Prize or Bounty Money due to me in respect of my Service as a in the Regiment of at the Capture of in the Month of 18 .

To the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital. (*)

Directions

Directions for executing the Order.

THE above Order must be signed by the Soldier at the Mark (*). The Certificate (D.) must be signed by the Commanding Officer, Adjutant, and Paymaster; if on Detachment, by such of the said Officers as are present where he is serving, and any other Officers of the Regiment; or if in Hospital or Sick Quarters, which must be particularly stated, then by the Three Senior Officers of the Detachment, or Surgeon, or principal Medical Officers, and Two other principal Military or Civil Officers belonging to such Hospital or residing at such Sick Quarters.

SCHEDULE (D.)

Certificate for a Soldier now serving.

THESE are to certify, That we have examined the above-named who signed the above Order [*or* acknowledged the Signature to the above Order to be his Signature] in our Presence; and from the Documents he has shown to us, and his Answers to our Questions, we have Reason to believe that the said was serving in the above-mentioned Regiment at the Time of making the said Capture, and that he is now serving as a in the Regiment of . Given under our Hands at the Day of 18 .

Commanding Officer.
Adjutant.
Paymaster.

SCHEDULE (E.)

Certificate for a Soldier who has been discharged.

THESE are to certify, That we have examined the above-named who signed or acknowledged the above Order in our Presence; and from the Documents he has shown us, and his Answers to our Questions, we have Reason to believe that the said was serving in the above-mentioned Regiment at the Time of making the above Capture, and that he was discharged on the Day of 18 ; that he now resides in this Parish, and is an Out-Pensioner of Chelsea Hospital, at per Diem. *

Given under our Hands at near the Post Town of this Day of 18 .

Minister.
Churchwarden *or* Overseer.
Elder.

* If not a Pensioner, these Words to be erased.

Directions for executing the above Certificate.

THE above Certificate must be signed by the Minister and One of the Churchwardens or Overseers (or Elders) of the Parish in which the discharged Soldier resides, who should have the Man's Instructions

tions produced to him, if a Pensioner, and if not, his Discharge, the Date of which it is absolutely necessary should be inserted in the Space left for that Purpose.

SCHEDULE (F.)

Order for paying the Prize Money of deceased.

Name.	Company or Troop.	Rank.	Trade or Calling.	Place of Birth.	£ s. d.

Should the Prize Money to be received on this Order amount to Two Pounds, this Bill must be drawn on a Shilling Stamp, and affixed hereto.

AT Seven Days Sight pay to [*or* to the Order of the Regimental Agent] the Amount of the Share of Prize or Bounty Money due to in respect of his Service as a in the Regiment of at the Capture of in the Month of 18 .

To the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital. (*)

Next of Kin of the above-mentioned Deceased [*or* Representative, *as the Case may be.*]

Directions for executing the Order.

THE above Order must be signed by the Claimant at the Mark (*). The Certificate (F.F.) must be signed by the Minister and One of the Churchwardens or Overseers (or Elder) of the Parish or Place where the Person making the Order resides; and the Minister is particularly requested to satisfy himself that the Person signing the above Order is the legal Representative of the Deceased, the Date of whose Death it is absolutely necessary should be inserted in the Space left for that Purpose.

SCHEDULE (F. F.)

Certificate for a Person who is entitled to the Prize Money of a deceased Soldier.

THESE are to certify, That we have examined the above-named the Claimant, who signed or acknowledged the above Order in our Presence; and from the Documents shown to us, and Answers to our Questions, we have Reason to believe that the above-named Party originally entitled is dead; that he died on and that the said the Claimant, is the . and legal Representative of the said Deceased; and that now resides in this Parish, and is duly entitled to receive the same. Given under our Hands at near the Post Town of this Day of One thousand eight hundred and .

Minister.

Churchwarden *or* Overseer.

Elder.

SCHEDULE (H.)

BY virtue of the Authority in us vested by an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An "Act for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to the "Payment of Army Prize Money," we, the undersigned Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital at Chelsea, do hereby require you, within Two Calendar Months next after the Time at which this Precept shall be served, to deliver or transmit to the Deputy Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital, upon Oath, an Account of all Monies by you received under or by virtue of any Powers of Attorney or Power of Attorney, Orders or Order, by which you have been authorized to receive any Prize Monies or other Monies payable to the Army; and in case the said Monies so received by you under or by virtue of such Powers or Power, Orders or Order, as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, have been paid over, then to whom the same or any Part thereof has been so paid over as aforesaid: And we do by virtue of the said Authority further require, that you shall at the same Time pay or remit to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Chelsea Hospital such Part of the said Monies as shall remain in your Hands unpaid, for the Parties beneficially entitled to it; and to deliver or transmit such Account as aforesaid, within the Time in that Behalf above mentioned, you shall by no means neglect or refuse, under the Penalty in that Behalf provided. Given under our Hands, this Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and .

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SCHEDULE (K.)

The Account of the Deputy Treasurer of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, directed to be annually laid before the Houses of Parliament by an Act passed intituled "*An Act* [the Title of this Act].

Date of Year.		£ s. d.	Date of Year.		£ s. d.
	To £5 per Cent. deducted from Prize Money -			By Part of the said £5 per Cent. paid or invested in the Funds - -	
	Deductions from, &c. [*State Particulars.*]			By Cash refunded to Claimants -	
	To Cash arising from forfeited and unclaimed Shares of Prize Money, Grants, &c. - [*Here set forth the Names of the several Persons from whom the Monies have been received, the several Sums received from each Person, and the several Captures, &c. to which each Sum relates.*]			By other Payments; viz. [*Set them out.*] By Sums paid for the Royal Hospital, as follows: [*Here set out Particulars.*]	
	To ditto, arising from the Dividends or Interest of Monies invested in the Public Funds or other Government Securities - [*Here state Particulars.*]			By Monies invested in the Public Funds or other Government Securities -	
				By Balance in the Hands of the Treasurer	