directed by or issued out of the Court of Chancery or His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, the Court of Equity by which such Commitment shall have been directed or out of which such Attachment shall have issued shall (upon the Application of the Persons or Person against whom such Commitment or Attachment hath been directed or issued) have the Power, if it shall so think fit, to discharge such Persons or Person from their, his, or her Contempt, except as to the Costs thereof, for which Costs they, he, or she shall remain in Custody; and such Costs shall be deemed within the herein-before recited Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act, and they, he, or she shall be discharged therefrom and from the Process of Contempt in like Manner as is in the said last-mentioned Act provided for in Cases of Process of Contempt for Nonpayment of Money or Costs; provided that this Act shall not weaken any of the Powers by the said Act passed in the First Year of His present Majesty given, and that nothing herein contained shall lessen the Operations of the said Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

Persons committed for Contempt;

except as to the Costs thereof.

CAP. LIX.

An Act to transfer the Management of certain Annuities on Lives from the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer to the Management of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; and to amend an Act for enabling the said Commissioners to grant Life Annuities and Annuities for Terms of Years.

[4th *July* 1832.]

'WHEREAS certain Annuities on Lives have been created at various Periods by sundry Acts of Parliament; (that is to say,) by an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty several additional Duties upon all Wines imported into* Great Britain, *and for raising a certain Sum of Money by Annuities and a Lottery, in manner therein mentioned, to be charged on the said additional Duties;* and also by an Act passed in the Nineteenth Year of His said Majesty, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty several Rates and Duties upon Glass and upon Spirituous Liquors, and for raising a certain Sum of Money by Annuities and a Lottery, to be charged on the said Rates and Duties; and for obviating some Doubts about making out Orders at the Exchequer for the Monies advanced upon the Credit of the Salt Duties granted and continued to His Majesty by an Act of the last Session of Parliament;* also by an Act passed in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty several Rates and Duties upon Indentures, Leases, Bonds, and other Deeds, and upon Newspapers, Advertisements, and Almanacks, and upon Licences for retailing Wine, and upon Coals exported to Foreign Parts; and for applying, from a certain Time, the Sums of Money arising from the Surplus of the Duties on Licences for retailing Spirituous Liquors; and for raising the Sum of Three Millions by Annuities to be charged on the said Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money; and for*

18 G. 2. c. 9.

19 G. 2. c. 12.

30 G. 2. c. 19.

'*for making perpetual an Act made in the Second Year of the Reign* '*of His present Majesty, intituled* 'An Act for the better Regulation' *of Attornies and Solicitors;*' *and for enlarging the Time for filing* '*Affidavits of the Execution of Contracts of Clerks to Attornies and* '*Solicitors, and also the Time for Payment of the Duties omitted to* '*be paid for the Indentures and Contracts of Clerks and Apprentices;* 'and also by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His
5 G. 3. c. 23. 'Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for granting* '*Annuities, to be attended with a Lottery, to satisfy and discharge* '*certain Navy, Victualling, and Transport Bills, and for charging* '*the Payment of such Annuities on the Sinking Fund;* and also by 'an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His said
18 G. 3. c. 22. 'Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for raising a* '*certain Sum of Money by way of Annuities, and for establishing a* '*Lottery;* and also by an Act passed in the Nineteenth Year of 'the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled
19 G. 3. c. 18. '*An Act for raising a certain Sum of Money by way of Annuities,* '*and for establishing a Lottery;* and also by an Act passed in the 'Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George*
29 G. 3. c. 41. 'the Third, intituled *An Act for raising a certain Sum of Money* '*by way of Annuities, to be attended with the Benefit of Survivorship* '*in Classes;* and also by an Act passed in the Thirtieth Year of 'the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled
30 G. 3. c. 45. '*An Act for converting certain Annuities to be attended with the* '*Benefit of Survivorship in Classes, established by an Act of the last* '*Session of Parliament, into certain Annuities for an absolute Term* '*of Years, and for enabling the Commissioners of the Treasury to* '*nominate Lives for the Shares so converted;* which said several 'Annuities on Lives were by the said recited Acts placed under 'the Management and made payable at the Receipt of His Majesty's 'Exchequer: And whereas it is expedient that the said Annuities 'should be transferred to the Management of the Commissioners 'for the Reduction of the National Debt, and be regulated by 'one general System of Payment, in common with all other Life 'Annuities due to the Public Creditor; and it is therefore expe-'dient to repeal so much of the said recited Acts as relate to the 'Management and Payment of the said Annuities at the Receipt '*of the said Exchequer:*' 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 so much of the said recited Acts as relates to the Management, Assignment, and Payment of the said Annuities on Lives at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

So much of recited Acts as relate to the Management and Payment of Annuities for Lives at the Exchequer, repealed.

Annuities created by recited Acts transferred to Management of Commissioners for Reduction of National Debt.

II. And be it enacted, That after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as the necessary Arrangements can be made, of which the said Commissioners shall give Notice in the *London Gazette*, the said several Annuities on Lives which were created by the said several recited Acts shall be placed under the Management of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and shall be payable and paid at the Bank of *England*, under the Regulations herein-after directed.

III. And

Orders for Payment of Annuities remaining on 5th July 1832, to be delivered to Commissioners by Clerk of the Pells.

III. And be it enacted, That all Orders made out for the Payment of any Annuity under the Provisions of the said first-recited Acts or either of them, which on the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two shall be remaining in the Office of the Clerk of the Pells of His Majesty's Receipt of Exchequer, shall be delivered over by him to the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, or to the Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller acting under the said Commissioners, upon his receiving Directions to that Effect from the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury; and all Dividends or Annuities created by any of the said first-recited Acts which shall have been directed by the Auditor of His Majesty's said Exchequer to be paid by the Tellers thereof, but which shall not have been paid by them on the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and which shall be then remaining in their Hands under the Denomination of Out Cash, shall be paid over by the said Tellers to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, upon their receiving Directions so to do from the Commissioners of His Majesty's said Treasury; and the Cashiers of the said Bank are hereby required to receive the same, and to carry such Monies to the Account of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt.

Tellers of Exchequer to pay Dividends in their Hands as Out Cash, on 5th July 1832, into Bank of England.

Certain Parts of 30 G. 3. c. 45. and 10 G. 4. c. 24. repealed.

IV. 'And whereas an Act was passed in the Tenth Year of the 'Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled '*An Act to enable the Commissioners for the Reduction of the* '*National Debt to grant Life Annuities and Annuities for Terms* '*of Years*, which said Life Annuities were by the said Act made 'payable and transferable at the Bank of *England*: And whereas 'it is expedient to repeal certain Provisions of the said last-'recited Act, and of the said recited Act of the Thirtieth Year 'of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, and to 'substitute other Provisions in lieu thereof;' be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said recited Act of the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third as relates to transmitting Lists by Commissioners of Treasury to Parishes for Returns certifying the Lives of Nominees, and of the said recited Act of the Tenth Year last aforesaid, as relates to granting Certificates of the Existence of Nominees, and to the making certain Affidavits and solemn Affirmations by Persons desirous of purchasing such Annuities, in Cases where Proof of the Age and Identity of Nominees has been before produced to the said Commissioners, certified and verified according to the Provisions of the said Act, and as relates to Affidavits and solemn Affirmations in Cases where the Nominee shall not appear personally before the Officers of the said Commissioners, to enable such Persons to receive the half-yearly Payments from Time to Time of every such Life Annuity, and also for receiving the One Fourth Part of any expired Life Annuity which shall be claimed under the Provisions of the said Act, and as relates to the paying and transferring such Annuities at the Bank of *England*, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

A Declaration to be made in lieu of the Affidavit or Affirmation hitherto

V. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which any Affidavit or solemn Affirmation was required by any of the said recited Acts aforesaid, the Person or Persons who would, under the

required by Persons purchasing and receiving Life Annuities.

the said recited Acts, be required to take or make such Affidavit or solemn Affirmation, shall make and subscribe a Declaration in lieu thereof, in such Form and Words and under such Regulations as may be directed by the said Commissioners, or by the Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller acting under the said Commissioners; and if any such Declaration shall be untrue in any Particular, the Person making the same shall, over and above every other Penalty to which such Person may become subject, forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Such Affidavits produced after passing of this Act to be valid.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if after the passing of this Act any Affidavit or solemn Affirmation shall be produced for the Purpose of receiving any Life Annuity under the Provisions of the said recited Acts, such Affidavits and solemn Affirmations, notwithstanding the Repeal thereof by this Act, shall be deemed valid and effectual for the Purpose of receiving such Life Annuities, any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Affidavit may be required in certain Cases.

VII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller acting under the said Commissioners, may in any Case require any such Person or Persons to make Affidavit or solemn Affirmation in Confirmation of any such Declaration, and every such Person shall, and he, she, or they is and are hereby thereupon required to make such Affidavit or solemn Affirmation before such Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller, or other Officer appointed for that Purpose by the said Commissioners, who are hereby respectively authorized to administer the same, or before any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Upon Proof of Nominees being living, or of Deaths, Warrants to be issued, upon which the Bank to pay.

VIII. And be it enacted, That upon Proof of the Existence of the Nominee of any Life Annuity created by any of the said first-recited Acts, or by the said recited Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, or of any Life Annuity which may hereafter be created by the said last-recited Act, either by the personal Appearance of such Nominee before the Officer of the said Commissioners, or, in case of the Nonappearance of such Nominee, by the Production of a Certificate proving the Existence of such Nominee as is required by the said recited Acts, together with such Declaration aforesaid, or other Evidence to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or of the Officer or Officers acting under the said Commissioners, the said Officer shall thereupon issue to the Person or Persons entitled to any Annuity depending upon the Life of such Nominee a Warrant or Warrants in such Form as shall be approved by the said Commissioners, or by the Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller acting under the said Commissioners, addressed to the Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, for the half-yearly Payment or Payments of the Annuity which shall be then depending upon the Life of such Nominee; or upon Proof of the Death of the said Nominee, then a Warrant shall be issued by the said Officer for the Payment of One Fourth Part of the expired Annuity which depended upon the Life of such Nominee, which, under the Provisions of the said Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, is allowed to be claimed by the Person or Persons

Persons entitled thereto, provided such Fourth Part shall be claimed by the Person or Persons entitled thereto within the Period prescribed by the said recited Act, together with any half-yearly Payment of the said Annuity which may be outstanding at the Time of his or her Death; and upon the said Warrant or Warrants being produced and lodged at the said Bank, the said Cashier or Cashiers shall pay the Sum expressed therein to the Person or Persons producing the same.

Holders of Annuities under first-recited Acts to have like Annuities in the Books of the Commissioners; and all Life Annuities to be transferable in such Books entire for the Life of the original Nominee.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Persons who at the Time of the passing of this Act shall be Holders of and stand possessed of any Exchequer Order or Orders for or in respect of any Annuities on Lives created by any of the said first-recited Acts, heretofore payable at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, or who at the Time of the passing of this Act shall stand possessed, in the Books of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, of any Annuity depending upon the Life of the said Nominee, under any Act or Acts heretofore in force enabling the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to grant Life Annuities, shall be deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes to stand possessed of such several and the like Annuities in the Books of the said Commissioners, and shall be entitled to all the several Rights, Titles, Interests, and Benefits in and to any Life Annuity, of whatsoever kind, whether such Life Annuity shall be immediate or deferred, or whether actually in the course of Payment at the Time of the passing of this Act, or not, according to the several Provisions of the said recited Acts or of any of them; and such several Life Annuities, and also all Life Annuities which may hereafter be created in pursuance of the said recited Act of the Tenth Year of His late Majesty, shall from Time to Time be transferable in the Books of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, or, so far as relates to any Exchequer Life Annuities or Orders, shall be assignable and shall be paid to and shall be transferable and assignable by the Persons respectively entitled to such Annuities, or by some Person duly authorized to receive or transfer the same, according to such Form and under such Regulations as shall be approved of by the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, or by the said Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller acting under the said Commissioners: Provided always, that such Annuity shall be transferred entire, and not in Parts or Shares, and that the original Nominee of any Annuity shall never be varied or changed, notwithstanding such Transfer.

Commissioners may direct new Orders to be made out and signed, in lieu of Orders lost or destroyed, without Authority from Treasury, as required by 29 G. 3. c. 41.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to authorize the Comptroller General or his Assistant to make out and sign any new Order, in such Form as the said Commissioners shall direct, as a Substitute for and in lieu of any Order of a like Description which may have been lost or destroyed or become defaced or obliterated, without any such Authority from the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or Certificate from any Judge of the Court of Exchequer, as is specified and required in the said recited Act of the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, or in any Case whatever relating to any of the said recited Acts, upon Proof being given

to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, by the Oath or solemn Affirmation to be made and taken before the said Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller, or before any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, by the Persons applying for such new Order, or any other Person, of such Loss or Destruction, or Production of the Order in lieu of which a new Order is required; and all such new Orders, so signed, shall be deemed good and valid to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been made under the Provisions of the said recited Acts or either of them, any thing in the said recited Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Accounts of Annuities for Terms of Years unclaimed for Ten Years to be made up quarterly at the Bank; and the Annuities to be transferred to the Commissioners, and placed under the like Regulations as other Stocks are subject by 56 G. 3. c. 60.

XI. 'And whereas it is enacted by the said recited Act of the 'Tenth Year of His late Majesty, that the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall cause to be made up, to the 'Fifth Day of *January* in each Year, an Account of all Annuities 'for Terms of Years granted by the said Commissioners for the 'Reduction of the National Debt, in pursuance of the said Act, 'which shall have remained unclaimed for the Space of Three 'Years then next preceding, which Annuities so remaining unclaimed, and all half-yearly Arrears thereof,' shall cease to be 'charged upon and shall not be issued or issuable out of the said 'Consolidated Fund from and after the Day upon which any such 'Annuities shall have remained so unclaimed: And whereas it is 'expedient that all such unclaimed Annuities for Terms of Years 'should be regulated by the same Rules as are directed by an Act 'passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King 'George the Third, intituled *An Act to authorize the transferring 'Stock upon which Dividends shall remain unclaimed for the Space 'of at least Ten Years at the Bank of* England, *and also all Lottery 'Prizes or Benefits, and Balances of Sums issued for paying the 'Principals of Stocks or Annuities, which shall not have been 'demanded for the same Periods, to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt;*' be it enacted, That the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall cause to be made up quarterly an Account of all Annuities for Terms of Years already granted or which may hereafter be granted by the said Commissioners under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Tenth Year of His late Majesty, which shall have remained unclaimed for the Space of Ten Years then next preceding such Quarters respectively; and all such unclaimed Annuities and all Arrears thereof shall be transferred to the Commissioners for Reduction of the National Debt, and shall be subject to the like Restrictions and Regulations as all other Capital Stocks and Annuities are now subject by the said recited Act of the Fifty-sixth Year of His said Majesty; any thing in any Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Commissioners of National Debt to certify to the Treasury before each Quarter Day the Amount of Annuities payable under the recited Acts of the 18th, 19th, & 30th of G. 2.

XII. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of ascertaining from Time to Time the Amount of Annuities for Lives payable under the Authority of the said several first-recited Acts, the Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller acting under the said Commissioners shall, within Fourteen Days next preceding the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October* in each and every Year, (commencing on the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two,) certify to the Commissioners of His

Majesty's Treasury the Amount of Annuities for Lives (first deducting therefrom the Amount chargeable on account of the several Lives nominated by the Commissioners of the Treasury under the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Thirtieth Year of King *George* the Third) the half-yearly Payments of which shall from Time to Time be chargeable, and the same are hereby made chargeable, upon the said Consolidated Fund, on each of such Days respectively; and the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, shall thereupon order and direct, by Warrant under their Hands, the Sums specified from Time to Time in every such Certificate to be issued and paid out of the Consolidated Fund from Time to Time to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to be by them placed to the Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, for the Purpose of paying all such Annuities respectively created by the said first-recited Acts of the Eighteenth, Nineteenth, and Thirtieth Years of King *George* the Second, and by the Fifth, Eighteenth, and Twenty-ninth Years of King *George* the Third. and the 5th, 18th, & 29th of G. 3.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all Letters of Attorney from Time to Time in force, which shall have been granted for the Purpose of transferring or selling or receiving such Life Estate so purchased under any of the said recited Acts, shall be valid and effectual for the Purposes of this Act, and receiving the same under the Provisions of this Act; any thing in any Act or Acts, or this Act, to the contrary notwithstanding. Letters of Attorney to continue valid for receiving Annuities under this Act.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt are hereby empowered from Time to Time to appoint such Officers, Clerks, and other Persons as may be necessary for carrying this Act into execution, and as may be approved of by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury. Appointment of Officers, &c.

XV. 'And whereas it is expedient to give legal Remedies to 'Persons entitled to any Annuities transferred under the Pro-'visions of this Act from the Books of the Governor and Company 'of the Bank of *England* to the Books of the Commissioners for 'the Reduction of the National Debt;' be it therefore enacted, That in all Cases in which any Person entitled to or interested in any Annuity transferable in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or in any Annuity recorded in the Books of the said Auditor of His Majesty's Exchequer, might have instituted any Action, Suit, or legal Proceeding in any Court of Law or Equity, for or in respect of any Act, Matter, or Thing done by the said Governor and Company, or by the said Auditor, or their Officers, or any other Person or Persons, in relation to any such Annuity, or any forged or other illegal Transfer thereof, such Action, Suit, or legal Proceeding may be instituted and carried on against the Comptroller General of the said Commissioners or the Assistant Comptroller General of the said Commissioners for the Time being, and Damages recovered or other Remedy given in any Court of Law or Equity against such Comptroller or Assistant as might have been recovered or given against the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* in case the said Annuity had remained transferable in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or against the Suit, &c. may be instituted against the Comptroller or Assistant Comptroller in all Cases in which the Bank would have been liable if the Annuity had remained in their Books.

said Auditor in case the said Annuity stood recorded in the Books of the said Auditor; and all Damages and Sums of Money and Costs recovered in any such Suit or Proceeding shall be paid by the Order of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, for the Time being, (which Order the said Commissioners are hereby required to give,) out of any of the Aids and Supplies voted by Parliament for the Public Service: Provided always, that the Body, or Goods, Chattels, Lands, or Tenements of such Comptroller or Assistant Comptroller shall not, by reason of his being Defendant, under the Provisions of this Act, in any such Suit, Action, or Party in any such Proceeding, be liable to be arrested, seized, detained, or taken in Execution; and no such Suit shall abate on the Death or Removal from Office of the Comptroller or Assistant Comptroller against whom the said Suit was had, but shall continue in full Force against his Successor.

Declaration, &c. not to be stamped.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That no Declaration required by this Act to be made to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, nor any Warrant, Certificate, Affidavit, or Affirmation, or other Instrument, (save and except all Letters of Attorney which shall or may be granted from Time to Time for the Purposes of this Act,) made out by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners, shall be liable to the Payment of any Stamp Duty.

Powers of Treasury and Auditor of Exchequer, as to Annuities under first-recited Acts, to cease on 5th July; and those of the Bank under 10 G. 4. &c. to expire on 30th July 1832.

XVII. And be it enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities of the Commissioners of the Treasury and of the Auditor of the Exchequer, so far as the same are applicable to the Management and Payment, or to any other Matter or Thing relating to any Life Annuities created by the said first-recited Acts, shall cease and determine on and from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two; and all the Powers and Authorities of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, so far as the same are applicable to the said recited Act of the Tenth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, or to any other Act enabling the Commissioners of the National Debt to grant Life Annuities (except as in this Act provided), shall cease and determine on and from and after the Thirtieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

Powers of Auditor of Exchequer and Governor and Company of Bank to be exercised by the Commissioners.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities which are by the said recited Acts, or any or either of them, respectively given to the Commissioners of the Treasury, or to the Auditor of the Exchequer, or to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or to their respective Officers, or any Officer or Servant acting under them respectively, in relation to any Annuity by this Act placed under the Management of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, or to any Matter or Thing required by any of the said recited Acts to be done by the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or by the said Auditor, or by the said Governor and Company, shall and may be used and exercised and put in force for all the Purposes of this Act, and for the more effectual carrying the Provisions thereof into execution, by the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, or by any Person acting under their Authority, as fully to all Intents and Purposes, so far as the same are not altered by this Act, as if the same were severally re-enacted in this Act, and expressly given to the said Commissioners.

XIX. And

Penalty on forging Register, Certificate, Transfers, &c. Felony, punishable by Death.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or shall cause or procure to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, or shall knowingly or wilfully act or assist in the forging, counterfeiting, or altering, any Declaration, Warrant, Order, or other Instrument, or any Affidavit or Affirmation required to be made by this Act, or by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, under any of the Provisions of this Act, or under any Authority given to them for that Purpose; or shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or shall cause or procure to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, or shall knowingly or wilfully act or assist in the forging, counterfeiting, or altering, any Certificate or Order of any Officer of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, or the Name or Names of any Person or Persons in or to any Transfer of any Annuity, or in or to any Certificate, Order, Warrant, or other Instrument for the Payment of Money for the Purchase of any Annuity under the Provisions of this Act, or in or to any Transfer or Acceptance of any such Annuity in the Books of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, or in or to any Receipt or Discharge for any such Annuity, or in or to any Receipt or Discharge for any Payment or Payments due or to become due thereon, or in or to any Letter of Attorney or other Authority or Instrument to authorize or purporting to authorize the Transfer or Acceptance of any Annuities or any Life Annuity of whatsoever Kind, or authorizing or purporting to authorize the Receipt of any Life Annuity of whatsoever Kind granted under any of the said recited Acts or this Act, or any Payment or Payments due or to become due thereon; or if any Person or Persons shall wilfully, falsely, and deceitfully personate any true and real Nominee or Nominees, or shall wilfully utter or deliver or produce to any Person or Persons acting under the Authority of this Act any forged Register or Copy of Register of any Birth, Baptism, or Marriage, or any forged Declaration, Affidavit, or Affirmation, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, or altered, with Intent to defraud His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, or with Intent to defraud any Person or Persons whomsoever; then and in every such Case all and every Person and Persons so offending, and being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and suffer Death.

Treasury may order Issues of Money for Payment of Salaries.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, for the Time being, may order and direct to be issued and paid, out of the Fund upon which the Establishment of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt is chargeable, any Sum or Sums of Money for the Payment of Salaries to Officers and Clerks acting in the Execution of this Act, and for discharging such incidental Expences as shall necessarily attend the Execution thereof, in such Manner as the said Lord High Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them, shall from Time to Time think fit and reasonable, and also for the Payment of all such Damages, Costs, Charges, and Expences as shall be recovered against or payable under the Provisions of this Act by the Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller General of the said Commissioners, which last-mentioned Damages, Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be payable and paid out of any Aids

or Supplies granted by Parliament, and applicable to any public Service.

Act may be altered or repealed.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

CAP. LX.

An Act for holding the Assizes for the *King's County* in *Ireland*, Twice in every Year, at *Tullamoore*, instead of *Philipstown*. [4th *July* 1832.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that the Assizes for the *King's County* in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland* be held Twice in each Year in the Town of *Tullamoore*, instead of in the Town of *Philipstown* in the said *King's County*: And whereas the holding the same as aforesaid would be conducive to the more speedy and effective and due Administration of Justice therein;' 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 from and after the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five the said Town of *Tullamoore* aforesaid shall be deemed and taken to be the Shire Town of the said County, and that all the Commissions of Assize and Nisi Prius, and all general Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, and all Commissions of General Gaol Delivery, which shall be appointed to be held and executed for the said *King's County*, shall be held and executed for the said *King's County* at and in the said Town of *Tullamoore*; and that the said Commissions for the said *King's County* shall be appointed and executed at and in the said Town of *Tullamoore* Twice in every Year, (that is to say,) at or about the usual Times for holding the Lent and Summer Assizes respectively; any Law, Statute, Usage, Matter, or Thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Assizes to be held in future at Tullamoore instead of Philipstown.

Proviso for holding Assizes in case of Accident to the Town of Tullamoore.

II. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That if at any Time hereafter the said Town of *Tullamoore* shall be wholly unfit for holding Assizes there, by Accident of Fire, or by means of any contagious or epidemical Distemper, or by reason of any Civil Tumults or Disorder, or the Danger or reasonable Apprehension thereof, or by reason of any other Cause or Exigency, the same or any of the aforesaid Matters to be made to appear before the Lord High Chancellor, or Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners for keeping the Great Seal of *Ireland*, for the Time being, that then and in such Cases only it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Lord High Chancellor, or Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners for keeping the Great Seal of *Ireland* for the Time being, with the Advice of the Justices of Assize, from Time to Time in and during the Continuance of such respective Exigencies only, and for and at no other Time or Times, to appoint some convenient Place within the said *King's County* for holding the said Assizes, and each or either of them, instead of the said Town of *Tullamoore*; any thing in this present Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. And