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CAP. XXXV.

An Act for consolidating the Offices of Paymaster General, Paymaster and Treasurer of *Chelsea* Hospital, Treasurer of the Navy, and Treasurer of the Ordnance. [25th *August* 1835.]

WHEREAS various Acts have been passed from Time to Time for the better Regulation of the Offices of Receiver and Paymaster General of His Majesty's Guards, Garrisons, and Land Forces, of Paymaster and Treasurer of all Monies for the Maintenance or Relief of the disabled and superannuated Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers entertained in His Majesty's Royal Hospital near *Chelsea*, of the Office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Royal Navy, and of the Office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Ordnance: And whereas it is expedient to consolidate into One Establishment those Four several Offices, and to make Provision for the proper Dispatch of the Public Business when such Consolidation shall have taken place; 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 passing of this Act it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of the Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, to abolish the said Offices of Receiver and Paymaster General of His Majesty's Guards,

Certain Offices abolished, and One Office constituted in place therein.

Guards, Garrisons, and Land Forces, of Paymaster and Treasurer of all Monies for the Maintenance or Relief of the disabled and superannuated Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers entertained in His Majesty's Royal Hospital near *Chelsea*, of Treasurer of His Majesty's Royal Navy, and of Treasurer of His Majesty's Ordnance; and in place of the said several Offices to constitute and appoint One Office for the Discharge of the Duties now executed in the several Offices so authorized to be abolished.

Patents, &c. to cease.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Date of such Warrant directing the Abolition of the said Offices the several Patents, Warrants, and Authorities under which the same have been and are or shall be held shall cease and determine and become absolutely null and void.

Establishment of the Office of Paymaster General.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Office to be created to execute the several Duties now discharged in the said Offices so to be abolished shall be styled "The Office of His Majesty's Paymaster General"; and that the Establishment thereof shall consist of a Paymaster General, with such Number of Officers, Clerks, and Assistants, and with such Salaries, as shall be fixed and regulated from Time to Time by the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them.

Appointment to Office.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Office of Paymaster General shall be granted by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by the Lord High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and that such Grant when so made shall be and continue in force during His Majesty's Pleasure, in the same Manner as the Offices by this Act authorized to be abolished are granted and held.

Office not to be deemed a new Office. 6 Ann. c. 7.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Office of Paymaster General shall not be deemed or taken to be a new Office within the Meaning of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for the Security of Her Majesty's Person and Government, and of the Succession of the Crown of* Great Britain *in the Protestant Line.*

Paymaster General, if holding an abolished Office, not to vacate his Seat.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Person who may be appointed to the said Office of Paymaster General, if he shall at the Time of the Abolition of the Offices by this Act authorized to be abolished be in possession of any of the said Offices, shall not by reason of such Appointment thereby vacate the Seat in Parliament which any such Person may then hold; any thing in the said Act of Queen *Anne* or of any other Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Duties transferred to new Office.

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Abolition of the said Offices, and so soon as the Appointment of a Paymaster General shall have been made under the Authority of this Act by His Majesty,

Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, all the Interest, Titles, Powers, Authorities, Privileges, and Duties now exercised by or vested, either by Law or Usage, in any of the said Offices so abolished, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be transferred to, exercised by, and vested in the said Paymaster General, in as full and ample a Manner to all Intents and Purposes as they were exercised by or vested in the Persons holding the said Offices so abolished, except only so far as any of such Interests, Titles, Powers, Authorities, Privileges, and Duties are or shall be by this Act controlled, diminished, or varied.

Actions to continue.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to abate any Suits or other Proceedings either at Law or in Equity which are now or shall at the Period of the Abolition of the said Offices be depending in the Name or on behalf of any of the said Officers whose Offices shall be so abolished, but all such Suits and Proceedings shall and may continue to be carried on in their respective Names in the same Manner as if this Act had not been passed, for and on behalf of the Paymaster General to be appointed under the Authority of this Act.

Bonds to remain in force.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all Bonds which shall have been entered into and given to the Crown, or otherwise, by any Deputies or other Officers or Clerks, or by any other Person or Persons whatsoever, and their respective Sureties, for the faithful Discharge of their Duty in any of the said Offices intended to be hereby abolished, shall notwithstanding such Abolition be and continue in force against the Parties to such Bonds, as well in respect of the Duties, Matters, and Things therein mentioned or referred unto, as of all Duties, Matters, and Things thereafter to be done and performed, which the said Deputies or other Officers or Clerks or Persons would have been liable to do and perform, before the Abolition of the Offices intended to be abolished under the Authority of this Act.

Treasury may make Regulations for new Office

X. And whereas by reason of the Abolition of the said Offices it will be necessary that new Regulations should be prescribed for the Government of the Office to be created under the Authority of this Act; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer or for the Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and he and they are hereby empowered to prescribe such Rules and Regulations, and to issue such Orders, from Time to Time, in all Matters and Things relating to the said Office, for the Safety, Economy, and Advantage of the Public Service, as he or they shall see fit; which Rules, Regulations, and Orders shall be of full Force and Authority, and shall be observed by the Comptroller General of His Majesty's Exchequer, and by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, when certified to them by the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, and by all Bodies and Persons whatsoever, in relation to all Matters and Things therein contained, any thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

XI. And

Regulations to be laid before Parliament.

XI. And be it further enacted, That a Return, setting forth all Rules, Orders, and Regulations which shall have been issued and prescribed by the Commissioners of the Treasury, shall be laid before Parliament within Six Weeks from the Date of their being promulgated, if Parliament be then sitting, and if not then sitting within Six Weeks from the Day of the next ensuing Meeting of Parliament.

Act may be altered.

XII. 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.

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