Anno tricesimo primo

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act for granting to His Majesty several Rates and Duties upon Offices and Pensions; and upon Houses; and upon Windows or Lights; and for raising the Sum of Five Millions by Annuities, and a Lottery, to be charged on the said Rates and Duties.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled, being desirous, by the most easy and effectual Ways and Means, to raise such Supplies as are necessary for the Prosecution of the present War, and for enabling Your Majesty, at the End thereof, to establish a good and lasting Peace, have, for that End and Purpose, given and granted, and, by this present Act, do give and grant, unto Your Majesty, the several and respective Duties, Impositions, and Sums of Money, following, as well for and upon all Salaries, Fees, and Perquisites, of Offices and Employments in Great Britain, and on all Pensions and other Gratuities payable out of any Revenues belonging to Preamble.

Your Majesty in Great Britain, exceeding the Value of One hundred Pounds per Annum, as for and upon such Houses, and Windows or Lights, as are herein after mentioned; and do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Fifth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, there shall be yearly raised, levied, and paid, unto His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, the Sum of One Shilling, over and above all other Duties already charged or payable, for every Twenty Shillings of the yearly Value or Amount of all Salaries, Fees, and Perquisites, incident unto, or received for or in respect of, all Offices and Employments of Profit in Great Britain; and the like Sum of One Shilling for every Twenty Shillings, of all Pensions and other Gratuities payable out of any Revenue belonging to His Majesty in Great Britain, exceeding the Value of One hundred Pounds per Annum.

Employments of Profit, Pensions, and Gratuities, exceeding 100 *l. per Annum*, to pay 1 *s. per* Pound.

And for the better raising, levying, and receiving, the said several Sums of Money and Duties hereby charged for and upon the said Offices and Employments of Profit; and for and upon the Pensions and Gratuities aforesaid; and for the more effectual putting of this Act in Execution in reference to the same, it is hereby declared and enacted, That a Deduction shall be made of the said Sum of One Shilling out of every Twenty Shillings, payable for, or in respect of, the Salary, Wages, or Fees, of any Offices and Employments payable by the Crown in Great Britain, which exceed One hundred Pounds per Annum; and for or in respect of any Pension or Gratuity which is or shall be payable out of any Revenue belonging to His Majesty in Great Britain, exceeding the Value of One hundred Pounds per Annum; and that the Money so deducted by the Officers of His Majesty's Exchequer in England, shall remain there for the Purposes herein after declared; and such Part of the said Money as shall be so deducted by any Officer or Officers of the Dutchies of Lancaster and Cornwall, or by any other Commissioners, Officers, and Persons, by whom the said Salaries, Wages, Fees, Pensions, and Gratuities, are or shall be respectively payable in England, shall be by them paid into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at Westminster; and such Part of the said Money as shall be so deducted by any of the Officers of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, or by any Commissioners, Officers, or other Persons, by whom

Duty on such as are payable at the Exchequer, to be deducted and kept by the Officers there;

and such as shall be deducted at other publick Offices, to be paid over into the Exchequer;

and such as shall be deducted in *Scotland*,

whom the said Salaries, Wages, Fees, Pensions, and Gratuities, are or shall be respectively payable in Scotland, shall be paid at the City of Edinburgh, to such Person or Persons as the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer of Great Britain for the time being, shall constitute and appoint to be Receiver-general, or Receivers thereof, for His Majesty's Use; which said General Receiver or Receivers shall pay the same into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at Westminster; and the Officers of the Exchequer are hereby directed and required to keep separate and distinct Accounts of all Sums of Money by them respectively retained or received, for or in respect of the said Duty on Offices, and on Pensions and other Gratuities, by virtue of this Act, in order that the same may be applied to the Purposes in this Act mentioned, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

to be paid to the Receiver-general in *Edinburgh*,

and by him into the Exchequer at *Westminster*.

Officers of the Exchequer to keep a separate and distinct Account of the Money retained and received by them.

And whereas the Profits of several Offices and Employments in Great Britain, arise in the Whole, or in Part, from Perquisites, which are due and payable in the Course of Office; it is hereby further enacted, That such Part of the Sums of Money hereby granted, as are payable for or in respect of the Profits of any Office or Employment, in any Part of England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed, which arise from such Perquisites, shall be computed, raised, levied, and paid, according to the annual Value at which such Profits stand valued and rated in the last Assessment to the Land Tax.

Profits of Offices to be computed and pay as they were rated to the last Land Tax.

Provided always, That such Profits arising from such Perquisites as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to have been valued and rated in such last Assessment to the Land Tax, at so much only, as the entire Sum, at which any such Office was valued and rated in the said Assessment, does exceed the Amount of the Salary, Wages, or Fees, payable as aforesaid, in respect of the same Office.

Profits to be deemed rated to the Land Tax, at so much only, as the entire Sum charged exceeds the Salary.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the better rating, ordering, levying, and collecting, of the Duty by this Act charged, upon such Perquisites of such of the said Offices or Employments as are in that Part of Great Britain called England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed; and for the more effectual putting of this Act in Execution, in reference to the same; the Commissioners of the Land Tax for the time being, within the several Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque Ports, Towns, and Places, of England, Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, shall be Commissioners for putting so much of this Act in Execution, as relates to the Duty hereby charged upon the Perquisites of Offices.

Commissioners of the Land Tax to put so much of this Act in Execution as relates to the Duties upon Perquisites of Offices.

Commissioners to meet on or before 3d July yearly;

And be it further enacted and declared, That the several Commissioners aforesaid, shall meet together at the most usual and common Places of Meeting within each of the said Counties, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque Ports, Towns, and Places respectively, within England, Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, for which they are appointed Commissioners as aforesaid, yearly on or before the Third Day of July, and afterwards in like Manner, as often as it shall be necessary for putting so much of this Act in Execution, as is hereby committed to their Care and Charge; and the said Commissioners, or so many of them as shall be present at such Meeting or Meetings, or the major Part of them, are hereby authorized and required, to put so much as aforesaid of this present Act in Execution, and shall also, if they see Cause, subdivide and distribute themselves, and the other Commissioners not then present, into less Numbers, so as Three or more of the said Commissioners may be appointed for the Service of each Hundred, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Ward, or other Division, as may best conduce to the carrying on His Majesty's Services, hereby required; nevertheless, not thereby to restrain the said Commissioners, or any of them, from acting as Commissioners in any other Part of the County or Place for which they are appointed: And the said Commissioners, within the several Hundreds, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Wards, or other Divisions, in England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed, or any Two or more of them, are hereby authorized and required at such General Meeting, or within Eight Days after, according to the best of their Judgements and Discretions, to ascertain and set down in Writing, in a Rate to be prepared by them for that Purpose, the Amount of the said Duty of One Shilling in the Pound, to be paid in pursuance of this Act, by all Commissioners or other Officers, their Clerks, Agents, Secondaries, Substitutes, and other inferior Ministers and Persons whatsoever, having, using, or exercising any of the said Offices or Employments, the Salary, Wages, Fees, and Perquisites whereof, exceed the Value of One hundred Pounds per Annum, within their respective Hundreds, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Wards, or other Divisions, in Proportion to the annual Value, at which the Profits of such Offices or Employments respectively stand valued and rated, in the last Assessment to the Land Tax, for the said respective Hundreds and Divisions respectively: And to the End the aforesaid Duty on such Perquisites of Offices and Employments may be duly collected, and true Accounts thereof made, the said Commissioners,

and subdivide themselves, &c.

Commissioners at their General Meeting, or within 8 Days after, to rate the Amount of the Duty payable on all Offices and Employments of Profit, in Proportion to the Value at which they stand rated to the last Land Tax.

missioners, or any Three or more of them, are hereby required and ordered, within the Time above limited, to sign and seal Two Duplicates of the said Rates hereby directed to be made by them, and One of them to deliver, or cause to be delivered, to such Persons as shall then be Collectors of the Land Tax for each Parish and Place, or to such other Two or more honest and responsible Persons, which the said Commissioners shall at their Discretion nominate and appoint, to be Collectors of this present Duty, for each Parish or Place, with Warrant to the Collectors to collect the Sums contained in such Rates, respectively payable as aforesaid, so as the said several Sums may be paid to the Receiver General at the respective Times herein limited; and if any Person or Persons shall think himself or themselves aggrieved, by being over-rated by the said Commissioners, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Person or Persons, to appeal from the same to the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and the Barons of the said Court, or any One or more of them, is and are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine all such Appeals, on or before the last Day of Michaelmas Term yearly; and the said Collectors are hereby required, upon the Application of any Person or Persons who shall think himself or themselves over-rated to the said Rates, to permit such Person or Persons, or their Stewards or Bailiffs, or other proper Representatives, to inspect the Duplicates of such Rates, upon the Division or District of which he is Collector, at all seasonable Times in the Day, without any Fee or Reward for the same; and every Person so intending to appeal to the said Barons, shall, and he is hereby required to give Notice thereof in Writing, to One or more of the Collectors of the Parish wherein he is rated, of such his Intention to appeal; and it is hereby declared, that all Appeals once heard and determined by the said Barons, or any One or more of them, shall be final, without any further Appeal upon any Pretence whatsoever: And the said Commissioners are hereby required to deliver, or cause to be delivered, a Schedule or Duplicate in Parchment, under their Hands and Seals, fairly written, containing the whole Sum rated within each Parish or Place, unto the Receiver General of each County, Riding, City, Borough, Town, and Place respectively, in England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed, or his Deputy; and shall transmit, or cause to be transmitted, a like Schedule or Duplicate into the King's Remembrancer's Office of the Exchequer; and this the said Commissioners shall cause to be

Duplicates thereof to be signed, &c. by them, and One delivered to the Collectors, &c. with Warrant for collecting.

Persons aggrieved by being over rated, may appeal to the Barons of the *Exchequer*.

Collectors to permit Inspection of the Rates.

Notice to be given them of Intention to appeal.

Appeals once heard and determined to be final.

A Duplicate in Parchment of the Rate to be delivered to the Receiver General; and One to the Remembrancer's Office,

by the First Day of *Hilary Term*, or 20 Days after (all Appeals first determined)

be done, upon or before the First Day of Hilary Term, or within Twenty Days after (all Appeals being first determined) for which Duplicates the Remembrancer, or his Deputy, shall give to the Person who brings the same, a Receipt in Writing gratis.

Duty to be raised, collected, and paid, in like Manner, and with such Allowances, and under such Penalties, &c. as the Land Tax of this Session.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Duty by this Act imposed upon Offices or Employments within that Part of the Kingdom of Great Britain called England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed, as aforesaid, shall in all Respects, (save as is herein otherwise enacted and provided) be raised, levied, collected, and paid into his Majesty's Exchequer, for the Purpose in this Act expressed, in such and in like Form and Manner, and with such Allowances, and under such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Disabilities, and according to such Rules, Methods, and Directions, as are prescribed or appointed for raising, levying, collecting, and paying the Aid commonly called The Land Tax, within England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed, in and by an Act of Parliament made and passed in this present Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty by a Land Tax, to be raised in *Great Britain*, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, and for enforcing the Payment of the Rates to be assessed upon *Somerset House* in the *Strand*; and all and every the Powers, Authorities, Rules, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things contained in the said Act, for the raising, levying, collecting, and paying the Rates or Duties thereby granted, within England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, (so far forth as the same are not with respect to the Duties granted by this present Act varied and altered) shall be in full Force, and be duly observed, practised, and put in Execution, for raising, levying, collecting, and paying the said Duty by this Act imposed on Offices and Employments, within England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same or the like Powers, Authorities, Rules, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things, were particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this present Act.

Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, and Prince of *Wales*, not chargeable,

Provided always, and it is hereby declared, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not charge or be construed to charge her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales, or his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with the above mentioned Duty or Payment of One Shilling out of every Twenty Shillings, by the Year, for or in respect of any Sums of Money or Annui-

ties given or granted by his Majesty to their said Royal Highnesses, or the Officers or Servants attending their Persons; but that such Sums of Money and Annuities, and their Royal Highnesses, and their Treasurers, or Receivers General for the time being, shall be free and clear of all Taxes, Impositions, and other Publick Charges whatsoever; any thing in this or any former Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

nor their Officers or Servants;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not charge or be construed, deemed, or taken, to charge his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, or her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, or her Royal Highness the Princess Amelia, or the Officers or Servants attending their Persons, with the above mentioned Duty or Payment of One Shilling out of every Twenty Shillings, by the Year, for or in respect of any Annuities or yearly Payments granted or to be granted by his Majesty to their said Royal Highnesses, and their Servants, for the time being, in respect of the same; but that such Sums of Money or Annuities, shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Impositions, and other Charges whatsoever.

nor his Royal Highness the Duke of *Cumberland*, nor the Princess Royal, nor Princess *Amelia*.

Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That for the avoiding all Obstructions and Delays in collecting the Duty by this Act to be rated upon the Perquisites of any Offices or Employments, the same shall pay and be rated in such County, Hundred, Rape, Wapentake, Constablewick, Division, or Place of Allotment, within England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed, in which the same were last assessed, and not elsewhere.

Perquisites of Offices and Employments to pay where last assessed.

And be it further enacted, That the First half-yearly Payment of the said Assessments for England, Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, shall be levied, collected, and paid unto the Receivers General of the said several Counties, Cities, and other Places, who shall be appointed as aforesaid, on or before the Tenth Day of October yearly; and the last of the said Half-yearly Payments, on or before the Fifth Day of April yearly.

First Half-yearly Payment to be made on or before 10 *October*, and the last on or before 5 *April* yearly.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Receiver General in England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed, from time to time, within the Space of One Month next after he shall have received the full Sum that shall be charged within any Hundred or Division, for such particular Payment that is to be made to such Receiver General by virtue of this Act, shall give to such Commissioners as shall act in such Division or

Receiver General within a Month after receiving the full Sum charged, to give the Commissioners a Receipt.

Hundred, a Receipt under his Hand and Seal, acknowledging the Receipt of the full Sum charged within such Hundred or Division, for such particular Payments; which Receipt shall be a full Discharge to each Hundred or Division, for such particular Payment, against his Majesty, his Heirs, and Successors; which said Receivers General are hereby required forthwith, or at furthest within Twenty Days after the Receipt of any Money of the Taxes or Duties by this Act granted, to transmit or cause to be paid the Money by them received into the Receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer.

which shall be a full Discharge for Payment;

Receivers General within 20 Days to pay the Monies into the Exchequer.

And be it further enacted, That if any Collector of any Parish or Place in England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, shall keep in his hands any Part of the Money by him collected for any longer Time than is by this Act directed (other than the Allowance made unto him by this Act) or shall pay any Part thereof to any Person or Persons other than the Receiver General of such County or Place, or to his respective Deputy, that every such Collector shall forfeit for every such Offence, the Sum of Forty Pounds; and in case any Receiver General of any Part of England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, or his Deputy, shall pay any Part of the Monies paid to him or them by any Collector by virtue of this Act, to any Person or Persons whatsoever, other than into the Receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer, and at or within the respective Times limited by this Act; or in case any such Receiver General of any Part of England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, or his Deputy, shall pay any Part of the said Monies by any Warrant of the High Treasurer, Commissioners of the Treasury, or Under-treasurer, for the time being, or upon any Tally of Pro, or Tally of Anticipation, or other Way or Device whatsoever, whereby to divert or hinder the actual Payment thereof into the Receipt of the Exchequer, as aforesaid, then every such Receiver General shall, for every such Offence of himself, or his Deputy, forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds to him or them that shall sue for the same in any Court of Record, by Bill, Plaint, or Information; wherein no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, is to be allowed.

Collectors keeping the Money in their Hands, or paying it otherwise than to the Receiver General, forfeit 40 *l.*

Receiver General, or his Deputy, paying the Money otherwise than into the Exchequer, forfeit 500 *l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners of the Supply for the time being, for putting in Execution any Act for raising the Aid commonly called The Cess, or Land Tax, within the several Shires of Scotland, or such of them who have qualified, or shall qualify themselves, according to the Laws of Scotland in that Behalf, shall be Commissioners for

Commissioners of the Land Tax in *Scotland*, to put this Act in Execution there;

for ordering, raising, and levying, the Duty hereby granted on the Perquisites of Offices and Employments, exercised within the same Shires, or within any Boroughs within the same respectively; which said Commissioners shall put in Execution this present Act, and the Powers therein contained, within and for the same Shires and Boroughs respectively; and the said Commissioners have hereby Power to chuse their own Clerk, and to do every thing concerning the said Supply, as is prescribed and appointed by the Cess Act of the Sixth of November, One thousand seven hundred and six, and other Acts made in any former Parliament of Scotland, to which the said Act of the Sixth of November, One thousand seven hundred and six, doth relate, holding the same as if herein repeated.

according to the Cess Act of 6 *Nov.* 1706, *&c.*

And it is hereby further enacted, That Execution shall be done in Scotland for bringing the said Duty to be raised there, as is provided by the same Acts in all Points not altered by this Act; and that the First Meeting of the said Commissioners for Shires in Scotland, shall be at the respective Head Burghs thereof, the Second Monday in July in every Year; and that the Sheriffs, or their Deputies, do intimate the same to the said Commissioners of their Shires, with Power to the said Commissioners, to appoint the subsequent Diets of their Meetings, and their Conveners, from time to time; and also to appoint Collectors, with such Caution as they shall think fit.

Execution to be done as by the said Acts is prescribed.

First Meeting to be at the Head Burghs on the Second *Monday* in *July* yearly, *&c.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Clauses contained in former Acts of Parliament of Scotland, and Convention of Estates there, in relation to the bringing in of the Cess, and quartering, and touching Riding Money, shall stand in full Force, as to the Supply now imposed upon Scotland, as if they were herein expressed, and as they were observed before the making this Act.

All Clauses in former Acts relating to the bringing in the Cess, *&c.* to be in Force as to the Supply herein granted.

And it is hereby further enacted, That the Clerk of the Sheriff's Court in each Shire in Scotland, shall yearly on or before the Tenth Day of June, deliver to the said Commissioners of Supply for such Shire, a true and exact List of all and every Office of Employment of Profit, exercised in such Shire, and in every Burgh within the same; and also do, and shall, within the Time aforesaid, deliver, or cause to be delivered, a Duplicate of such List, to the Deputy Remembrancer of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Scotland; and in Case any Clerk of the Sheriff's Court shall neglect to deliver such List, or the Duplicate thereof, within the Time herein before

Clerks of the *Sheriff's Court* to deliver yearly, on or before 10 *June*, to the Commissioners, Lists of all Offices of Profit in each Shire;

and a Duplicate thereof to the Deputy Remembrancer of the *Exchequer*;

before mentioned, or shall wilfully omit out of such Lists or the Duplicate thereof, any Office or Employment that ought to have been inserted therein, he shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling.

on Penalty of 50 *l.*

Commissioners on or before 10 *July*, yearly, to rate the annual Value of all Offices and Employments; and assess in 1 *s. per* Pound, all such as shall exceed 100 *l. per Annum.*

And it is further enacted, That the said Commissioners in their respective Shires do, and shall yearly on or before the Tenth Day of July, according to the best of their Judgements and Discretions, ascertain, and set down in Writing, in a Rate or Assessment to be prepared by them for that Purpose, the annual Value of all and every Office and Employment, exercised in such Shire, and in every Burgh within the same; and do therein rate and assess the said Sum of One Shilling for every Twenty Shillings of the annual Value thereof, on the Officers and Persons who then do, or shall execute any such Office or Employment, the Salary, Fees, and Perquisites of Office whereof, exceed One hundred Pounds per Annum; and in case the said Commissioners of Supply for any Shire in Scotland, shall neglect to make such Rate and Assessment, within the Time herein before limited for that Purpose, in that Case, the Sheriff Depute of the County, shall, and is hereby required, on or before the Twenty fifth Day of July, yearly, according to the best of his Judgement and Discretion, to make and perfect such Rate or Assessment in Writing; and a Note of the said respective Rates or Assessments, shall, within Six Days after the making and perfecting thereof, be lodged by the Clerk of the Commissioners, or the said Sheriff Depute respectively, in the Hands of the Collector of the Cess or Land Tax, for the time being, for each County and Burgh within Scotland, who shall be, and is hereby appointed, impowered, and required, to be Collector thereof; and every such Collector of the Cess or Land Tax, and his Cautioners, or Security, shall be bound ipso facto, by virtue of this Act, for the due and faithful Performance by such Collector, of all Parts of the Duty of the Office hereby committed to him in Respect of the said Rates and Assessments, and that under the Penalty of One hundred Pounds Sterling; and that every such Collector of the Cess, shall be intitled to have an Allowance from the Receiver General of the Sum of Three Pence per Pound of the Money by him collected and paid over to such Receiver General; and the Persons so rated and charged with the said Duty on their respective Offices and Employments, shall, by themselves, or others for their Behoof, pay in the Duty with which they were charged, on

On Commissioners Neglect, Sheriff Depute to make such Rate.

Note of the Rate, within 6 Days after the making, to be delivered to the Collector of the Land Tax.

Collector bound in 100 *l.* Penalty for the faithful Performance of his Duty.

Collectors to have 3 *d.* in the Pound for their Trouble.

or before the Tenth Day of October, yearly, for the half Year betwixt Whitsunday and Martinmas, and on or before the Fifth Day of April, yearly, for the half Year betwixt Martinmas and Whitsunday, to the Collector of the Cess, personally, or at his Office by him held for the receiving the Land Tax; unless such Person shall enter an Appeal against the Assessment made, in which Case such Appeal shall be discussed before Payment, in Manner herein after provided; and in case of Appeal, such Payment shall be made within Ten Days after discussing or dismissing such Appeal, in the Manner herein after provided; and that every Person so rated and assessed, shall, in case of his not paying in the Duties with which he is charged, to the Collector of the Cess, upon the Day upon which he is hereby appointed to pay the same, or within Three Days after, forfeit Treble the Value and Extent of the Duty with which he stands charged.

Duty to be paid half-yearly, on or before 10 *October*, and 5 *April*, except in Cases of Appeal, and then within 10 Days after hearing the same; on Forfeiture of Treble the Value.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be in the Power of the Persons liable to, and assessed for, the Duty aforesaid, in case they shall conceive themselves to be injured by the Assessment and Charge made upon them by the said Commissioners of Supply or Sheriff Depute; or to the Collectors, or any other Officer of the Crown, if he shall judge the Crown to be leased by the Assessment or Charge made; to appeal to the Barons of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, who are to determine finally all such Appeals on or before the last Day of Term of Martinmas yearly; and every such Appellant shall, within the Space of Ten Days after the Note in Writing of his Charge being delivered to him, or left at his House, by the Collector by himself, or some other Person acting on his Behalf, deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Collector of the Cess, at his Office, a Note in Writing of the Wrong or Grievance of which such Person complains, and whereof he shall be minded to seek Redress by Appeal; and such Collector is hereby to make an Entry, to be kept by him for that Purpose, of all such Notices given to him.

Appeal may be made in behalf of the subject, or of the Crown, to the Barons of the *Exchequer*. All Appeals to be determined on or before the last Day of *Martinmas* Term. Notice to be given to Collector of the Intention and Cause of Appeal; who is to make an Entry thereof.

And be it further enacted, That in case the Party giving such Notice of an Appeal or Complaint, shall neglect to insist thereon before the said Barons within the Time before limited, then and in that Case such Complaint or Appeal shall be held to be fallen from, and the Charge or Assessment therein referred to shall stand in full Force; and in all Cases of Appeals fallen from, or upon hearing whereof the said Barons shall not vary the Rate, the Barons shall and may order the Appellant to pay to the Collector

Appeal if not prosecuted within due Time, or if the Assessment be affirmed, Appellant forfeits to the Collector 20 *l.*

lector any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings Sterling, as they shall think proper, as and for the Costs he may have been at by reason of such Appeal.

Duty to be paid where the Offices are exercised;

And it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person rated or assessed for any Office or Employment in Scotland, shall be rated, and pay for his said Office or Employment in the Shire where the same shall be exercised, although the Revenue or Profits arising by such Office or Employment are payable elsewhere.

and to be raised free of all Charges, other than as before allowed, and to be paid to the Receiver General at *Edinburgh*,

And it is hereby declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Money imposed on Offices and Employments in Scotland, be raised in Scotland in the respective Shires, Stewartries, Cities, and Boroughs, free of all Charges to His Majesty, save as is herein before mentioned; and shall in like Manner be paid at the City of Edinburgh, to such Person or Persons as the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer of Great Britain for the time being, shall constitute and appoint to be Receiver General or Receivers thereof, for His Majesty's Use; which said General Receiver or Receivers shall be answerable and accountable for the same to His Majesty in the Exchequer.

and by him into the Exchequer.

Where Two or more Offices, exceeding together 100*l. per Ann.* are exercised by One Person, such Person is to pay 1 *s. per* Pound for the same.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That where any Person shall have, use, or exercise, Two or more Offices or Employments in any Part of Great Britain, the Salary and Perquisites whereof together exceed the Sum of One hundred Pounds a Year, that such Person shall be rated and liable to pay the said Sum of One Shilling in the Pound for the Profits of such Offices and Employments, notwithstanding the Salary and Perquisites of no One of the said Offices are of the Value of One hundred Pounds per Annum.

Military Officers, *&c.* of the Army or Navy, exempted from paying.

Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to the Pay of Commission or Non-commission Officers or Private Men serving in the Navy or Army.

Commissioners holding Offices liable to be rated, to withdraw, *&c.* till the rating thereof be settled by the rest of the Commissioners;

Provided always, That no Commissioner of the Land Tax in England, Wales, or Berwick upon Tweed, or Commissioner of the Supply in Scotland, who shall be possessed of any Office or Employment subject and liable to the Duty hereby imposed, shall sit, or act, or any way interfere in rating his own Office or Employment, but shall withdraw until the rating thereof be settled and determined by the rest of the Commissioners then present; and in Default thereof the rest of the Commissioners then present shall have Power, and are hereby required to impose such Fine or Fines as to them shall be thought fit, upon such

Commissioner so refusing to withdraw, or acting in his own Cause, not exceeding One hundred Pounds Sterling; and cause the same to be levied and paid as other Fines and Forfeitures to be imposed by virtue of this Act are to be levied and paid in England and Scotland respectively. on Penalty of 100 *l.*

Duty on Fees, Salaries, &c. not paid, may be stopt at the publick Offices.

And be it enacted, That in all Cases where any Fees, Salaries, Wages, or other Allowances or Profits on any Offices or Employments of Profit charged by this Act, shall be payable at the Receipt of the Exchequer, or by the Cofferer of his Majesty's Houshold, or out of any other publick Office, or by any of His Majesty's Receivers or Paymasters in Great Britain, the Duty or Payment which, in pursuance of this Act, shall be charged for or in respect of such Offices or Employments, shall and may (in case of Nonpayment thereof) be detained and stopped out of the same, or out of any Money which shall be paid upon such Fees, Salaries, Wages, Allowances, or Profits, or for Arrears thereof, and be applied to the Satisfaction of the Duties not otherwise paid as aforesaid; and the proper Officers in the said Exchequer, and other the publick Offices aforesaid, shall keep true Accounts of all Monies stopped, and (upon Request) shall give Copies of such Accounts to the proper Collectors of such Monies for the respective Parishes or Places where the said Monies are rated by this Act.

A true Account to be kept of the Money stopt, and Copies thereof to be given to the Collectors, if required.

And whereas divers Offices and Employments of Profit chargeable by this Act are executed by Deputy, and the principal Officers living in Places remote from the Division, Parish, or Place, where such Offices or Employments are taxable, the Rates and Assessments for such particular Offices and Employments cannot be recovered without great Charge and Difficulty; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where any Office or Employment of Profit chargeable by this Act, is or shall be executed by Deputy, such Deputy shall pay such Assessment as shall be charged thereon, and deduct the same out of the Profits of such Office or Employment; and in case of Refusal or Nonpayment thereof, such Deputy shall be liable to such Distress, as by this Act is prescribed against any Person having and enjoying any Office or Employment of Profit, and to all other Remedies and Penalties therein respectively contained.

Deputies to pay for Principals; and on Nonpayment are liable to Distress.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be provided and kept in His Majesty's Exchequer (that is to say) in the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt, One Book of Register, in which all the Money that shall be paid into the Exchequer for

Separate Account to be kept of the Money paid into the Exchequer for Duties on Offices and Pensions.

for the Duties on Offices and Pensions hereby granted, shall be entered and registered apart and distinct from all other Monies paid and payable to his Majesty.

Penalties, Triple Values, and Forfeitures in *Scotland*, to be levied by Distress and Sale.

And be it further enacted, That all Penalties, Triple Values, and Forfeitures, incurred by virtue of this Act in Scotland, shall be recovered at the Suit of the respective Collectors by distraining or poynding, according to the Forms of the Law of Scotland, upon Warrants to be granted and subscribed by any Two of the Commissioners for Supply, or by the Sheriff, or Depute Sheriff, of the County from whom such Warrant shall be required, and they are hereby respectively required to grant the same under the Penalty of Ten Pounds Sterling toties quoties, upon Certificate made to them, or either of them, by the Collector of the Cess, that such Penalties or Forfeitures are incurred, and such Duties resting and not duly paid; which Warrants shall be executed by the Constables or Sheriff Officers of the County; and the Goods or Effects so poynded or distrained shall be valued and appraised by any Two Persons to be appointed by the Sheriff Officer, or Constable, to value and appraise such Goods; which Two Persons shall be obliged to value the same, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings Sterling for each Neglect or Refusal; and which Valuation shall be made upon the Ground, or at the House, where the same were poynded and distrained, and may and shall be sold and disposed of at the Value by the Officer or Constable who does poynd or distrain the same; and the Value to be applied, in the First Place, to the Satisfaction and Payment of the Duty, Triple Value, or Penalty, owing by the Person whose Goods are so poynded; and, in the Second Place, to the Payment for the Trouble of the Officer or Constable so poynding, at the Rate of Two Shillings per Pound of the Triple Value, Penalty, or Forfeitures, for which the Goods shall be poynded or distrained, unless the Owner from whom the same were poynded or distrained, shall redeem the same by Payment of the appraised Value within the Space of Four Days after the Poynding and Valuation, to the Officer who poynded the same; and in case any Surplus shall remain of the Price or Value, after Payment of the Penalty incurred, and after Payment of what is allowed to be retained by the Officer or Constable in Manner herein directed, such Surplus shall be returned to the Owner from whom the Goods were distrained; and in case no Purchaser or Buyer do appear at the said Sale, that the said Goods or Effects so poynded or distrained shall be consigned and lodged in the Hands of the Sheriff Depute of the County, or his Substitute; and if not redeemed

Distress to be appraised, &c.

Application of the Penalties, &c.

Distress, if not redeemed within 4 Days, to be sold.

Surplus to be returned to the Owner.

If no Purchasers appear, the Distress to be lodged with the Sheriff Depute, &c.

by the Owner within the Space of Four Days after the Consignment of the Hands of the said Sheriff, that the same shall be rouped, sold, and disposed of, by Order of the Sheriff, in such Manner, and at such Time and Place, as he shall appoint; he always being liable to the Payment of the Triple Value of the Penalty or Penalties incurred, to the Collector of the Cess, and to the Officer or Constable who shall have poynded the same, for their Trouble and Expence as above stated, in case the Value of the Goods so sold shall amount to the Extent of the Penalties incurred, and to the Fees due to the Officer or Constable; and shall be in the Third Place, intitled to One Shilling per Pound of the Value of the Goods so disposed of, for his own Pains and Trouble, after Preference and Allowance of the Penalties, and of what is appointed to be paid to the Officer or Constable so poynding, the Expence of preserving or maintaining the Goods or Cattle so poynded, during the Four Days allowed to the Owner to redeem them, and the Expence of the Sale; and in like Manner the Expence shall be allowed to the Sheriff for preserving and maintaining the Goods or Cattle distrained, during the Four Days that the Owner is allowed to redeem after Consignment in his Hands, as also the Expence of the Sale.

who is accountable to the Collector and Constable for the Penalties and Fees.

1 s. per Pound allowed to the Sheriff for his Trouble and Expence.

And be it further enacted, That the Officer or Constable who shall dispose of such Goods or Cattle so poynded, distrained, and sold, shall be bound to pay in the Sums arising from the Sale, in so far as extends to the Penalties for which the same were poynded by the Collector of the Cess or Land Tax, within Ten Days after the Receipt of the Price, allowing always what is above allowed for his own Pains and Expence; and that, in like Manner, if the Goods or Cattle distrained shall be disposed of by the Sheriff, as before directed, he shall, within Four Days after Receipt of the Price, be obliged to pay in the same to the Collector of the Cess, after Deduction of what is appointed to be paid to the Officer or Constable who made the Poynding, and after Deduction of what is above allowed to be retained by him for his own Pains and Expence, and shall remain liable to the Collector of the Cess, until Payment, and subject to be poynded and distrained therefore, in the same Manner as is above provided with regard to any Person liable to Penalties in virtue of this Act.

Constable to pay over the Money arising by the Sale of the Distress within 10 Days;

and the Sheriff within 4 Days after Receipt thereof.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Fifth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, there shall be charged,

Rates charged upon Houses, Windows, or Lights.

raised, levied, and paid, unto His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, the several Rates and Duties upon Houses, Windows, or Lights, herein after-mentioned; that is to say,

viz. 1 *s.* additional Duty upon every Dwelling-house in *England*,

For and upon every Dwelling-house inhabited, which now is, or hereafter shall be, erected within that Part of Great Britain called England, the yearly Sum of One Shilling, over and above the yearly Sum of Two Shillings already charged upon every such Dwelling-house;

and 1 *s.* upon every Dwelling-house in *Scotland*;

And for and upon every Dwelling-house inhabited, which now is, or hereafter shall be, erected within that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, the yearly Sum of One Shilling.

and 6 *d.* additional Duty for every Window or Light in every Dwelling-house containing 15 Windows, or more.

And for every Window or Light in every Dwelling-house inhabited, or to be inhabited, within and throughout the whole Kingdom of Great Britain, which shall contain Fifteen Windows or Lights, or upwards, the yearly Sum of Six Pence for each Window or Light in such House, over and above, and by Way of Addition to, the several and respective Duties chargeable thereupon, by virtue of former Acts of Parliament made in that Behalf.

The said Duties to be raised, levied, collected, and paid, as the 3 several Acts of

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said several Duties by this Act imposed, within and throughout the said Kingdom of Great Britain, for and upon such Houses, and such Windows or Lights as aforesaid, shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid, into His Majesty's Exchequer, for the Purposes in this Act expressed, in such and like Form and Manner, and with such Allowances, and under such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Disabilities, and according to such Rules, Methods, and Directions, as are prescribed or appointed for raising, levying, collecting, and paying, the Duties on Houses, Windows, or Lights, in and by Two several Acts of Parliament made in the Twentieth Year of his present

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Majesty's Reign, the One, intituled, An Act for repealing the several Rates and Duties upon Houses, Windows, and Lights; and for granting to His Majesty other Rates and Duties upon Houses, Windows, or Lights; and for raising the Sum of Four Millions four hundred thousand Pounds by Annuities, to be charged on the said Rates or Duties; and the other intituled, An Act to enforce the Execution of an Act of this Session of Parliament, for granting to His Majesty several Rates and Duties upon Houses, Windows, or Lights; and in and by a certain other Act of Parliament, intituled, An Act for explain-

and 21 *Geo.* II. prescribe with respect to the Duties thereby granted.

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ing, amending, and further enforcing the Execution of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for repealing the several Rates and Duties upon Houses, Windows, and Lights; and for granting to His Majesty other Rates and Duties upon Houses, Windows, or Lights; and for raising the Sum of Four millions four hundred thousand Pounds by Annuities, to be charged on the said Rates or Duties*; and all and every the Powers, Authorities, Rules, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things now in Force, contained in the said Three several Acts of Parliament, or any of them, for the raising, levying, collecting, and paying, the Rates or Duties thereby granted, shall be in full Force, and be duly observed, practised, and put in Execution, within and throughout the Whole Kingdom of Great Britain, for raising, levying, collecting, and paying the several Rates and Duties upon Houses, Windows, or Lights, by this Act granted, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same or the like Powers, Authorities, Rules, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things, were particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this present Act.

Houses in *Scotland* not having more than 5 Windows, exempted from the Duty on Houses.

Provided always, That no House or Cottage in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, that has not more than Five Windows or Lights, shall pay or be liable to pay the Duty of One Shilling imposed on each House by this present Act.

The Commissioners for executing the said 3 Acts, are to meet on or before 29 *July*, for putting this Act in Execution.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners authorized for putting in Execution the Three said former Acts, or either of them, for all and every the respective Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque Ports, Towns, and Places respectively, within Great Britain, shall meet together at the most usual and common Place of Meeting, within such Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque Ports, Towns, and Places respectively, within Great Britain, on or before the Twenty ninth Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight; and shall then divide themselves to act in separate Districts, and proceed in the Execution of this present Act, for assessing, raising, levying, and collecting, the Duties hereby granted, in such and the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as is prescribed by the Three former Acts, or either of them, with respect to the Rates and Duties thereby imposed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Annuities which by this Act shall be granted and made payable, with respect to the Principal Sum

Annuities payable on the Monies to be raised by this Act, charged on the several additional and new Duties.

Sum of Five Millions, to be raised in Manner and Form as is hereafter directed, shall be charged and chargeable upon, and payable out of, the several additional and new Rates and Duties by this Act imposed upon Offices and Pensions, and upon Houses and Windows or Lights; and the said several additional and new Rates and Duties, are hereby appropriated for that Purpose accordingly.

And whereas several Persons, Natives or Foreigners, and Bodies Politick or Corporate, have, in Books opened at the Bank of England for that Purpose, subscribed towards the said Sum of Five Millions; Four Millions five hundred thousand Pounds, Part thereof, to be attended with Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, and Five hundred thousand Pounds, Residue thereof, to be raised by a Lottery, and attended with Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum; and the said Subscribers or Contributors have, in pursuance of the Resolutions of the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled, deposited with, or paid to the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England for the time being, the Sum of Ten Pounds per Centum, in Part of the Sums by them subscribed respectively, and are desirous to pay the remaining Principal Sums by them subscribed as aforesaid, at the Times and in the Manner herein after appointed in that Behalf; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all such respective Contributors who have already deposited with, or paid to the said Cashier or Cashiers of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, the Sum of Ten Pounds for every One hundred Pounds by them subscribed respectively, to advance and pay unto the said Cashier or Cashiers, who is and are hereby appointed the Receiver and Receivers of such Contributions (without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf) the Remainder of the several Sums so subscribed, at or before the respective Days or Times, and in the Proportions in this Act limited in that Behalf.

Contributors who have already deposited 10 *l. per Cent.* of their Subscriptions, to the Cashier of the Bank, may pay the Remainder at the Times and in the Proportions limited in the Act.

And whereas it is intended that all such Contributors to the said Sum of Five Millions, who shall have subscribed for Five hundred Pounds, shall be intitled to Four hundred and fifty Pounds, in Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, transferrable at the Bank of England, subject to such Reduction as is hereafter mentioned; and to Fifty Pounds in Lottery Tickets, to be attended with Annuities (transferrable

ferrable also at the Bank of England) after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, and so in Proportion for a greater or less Sum; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Contributors who have so made the said Deposit of Ten Pounds per Centum, in Part of the Sums by them severally subscribed, as a Security for making their future Payments, shall make the same accordingly, at or before the respective Days or Times, and in the Proportions in this Act limited in that Behalf; that is to say, In respect of their proportional Share of the said Sum of Four millions five hundred thousand Pounds, Fifteen Pounds per Centum, on or before the Thirtieth Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight; Fifteen Pounds per Centum, on or before the Twenty eighth Day of June then next ensuing; Fifteen Pounds per Centum, on or before the Twenty seventh Day of July then next ensuing; Fifteen Pounds per Centum, on or before the Thirtieth Day of August then next ensuing; Fifteen Pounds per Centum, on or before the Twenty seventh Day of September then next ensuing; and the remaining Fifteen Pounds per Centum, on or before the Twenty sixth Day of October then next ensuing: And in respect of their proportional Share of the said Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, Twenty Pounds per Centum, on or before the Tenth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight; Fifteen Pounds per Centum, on or before the Tenth Day of July then next ensuing; Fifteen Pounds per Centum, on or before the Nineteenth Day of August then next ensuing; Twenty Pounds per Centum, on or before the Ninth Day of September then next ensuing; and the remaining Twenty Pounds per Centum, on or before the Ninth Day of October then next following: And that all such Contributors for or in respect of Nine equal Tenth Parts of the Sums so by them subscribed, shall be intitled to their proportional Share of Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, subject as aforesaid; and for and in respect of the remaining One Tenth of the Sum so subscribed, to as many Lottery Tickets as the said Tenth Part of the Sum so subscribed shall purchase, after the Rate of Ten Pounds for each Ticket; and that every such Contributor or Adventurer for every Sum of Ten Pounds so advanced, for the Purchase of a Lottery Ticket, shall be intitled to such Lot, and to such Annuity, after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, as is herein after directed and appointed.

Times of Payments in respect of the Sum of 4,500,000*l.* subscribed towards Annuities.

Times of Payments in respect of the Sum of 500,000*l.* towards the Lottery.

Annuities to bear 3*l.* 10*s.* *per Cent.* Interest;

and Tickets 3*l. per Cent.*

Annuities to commence from 5 *July*, 1758.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, in respect of the said Sum of Four millions five hundred thousand Pounds, Part of the said Principal Sum of Five Millions, shall be intitled to Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, for the Term of Twenty four Years, to commence and be computed from the Fifth Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight; and from and after the End and Expiration of the said Term of Twenty four Years, to Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, until Redemption thereof by Parliament, in Manner hereinafter mentioned; and that such Annuities shall be paid half-yearly, on the Fifth Day of January, and the Fifth Day of July, by even and equal Portions; and that the Annuities which shall become due and payable to the said Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, at the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, in respect of the said Principal Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, Residue of the said Principal Sum of Five Millions, shall commence and be computed from the Fifth Day of January, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty nine, and shall, from time to time, be paid half-yearly, on the Fifth Day of July, and the Fifth Day of January, by equal and even Portions; the First Payment thereof to be due and payable for the Half Year ended the Fifth Day of July, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty nine.

First Payment of Interest to be on 5 *Jan.* 1759. and payable half-yearly.

Interest on Lottery Tickets to commence on 5 *Jan.* 1759,

and afterwards to be paid Half-yearly.

Cashier to give Receipts for Money paid in,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Cashier or Cashiers who shall have received or shall receive any Part of the Sums so paid by Way of Deposit, or otherwise, in respect of the said Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, shall forthwith give Receipts in Writing signed by himself or themselves, to every such Contributor, for all such Sums; and that the Receipts to be given for any Sums paid in respect of the said Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, shall be assignable, by Indorsement thereupon made, at any Time before the Thirtieth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, and no longer.

the same made assignable.

Cashier to give Security;

Provided always, That such Cashier or Cashiers shall give Security, to the good Liking of any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners

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sioners of the Treasury for the time being, for duly answering and paying into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, for the publick Use, all the Monies which they shall have already received by Way of Deposit, or otherwise, or shall hereafter receive from time to time, of or for the said Sum of Five Millions, and for accounting duly for the same, and for Performance of the Trusts hereby in them reposed; and shall from time to time so pay all such Monies as soon as they shall receive the same, or any Part thereof, or within Five Days afterwards at the farthest, and shall account for all Monies so received by him or them, in the Exchequer, according to the due Course thereof, deducting thereout such Sums as shall have been paid by him or them in pursuance of this Act, in Manner herein after mentioned; for which Sums so paid, Allowance shall be made in his or their Accounts.

and to pay in the Monies into the Exchequer.

Treasury to apply the Monies to the Services voted by the Commons.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, from time to time, to issue and apply all such Sums of Money as shall so be paid into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer by the said Cashier or Cashiers, to such Services as shall then have been voted by the Commons of Great Britain in this Session of Parliament, and not otherwise.

Contributors Names to be entered in a Book;

the same to be inspected *gratis*.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in the Office of the Accountant General of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England for the time being, there shall be provided and kept a Book or Books, in which shall be fairly entered the Names of all such Contributors as aforesaid; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said respective Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, from time to time, at all seasonable Times, to have Resort to and inspect the said Book or Books, without any Fee or Charge: And that the said Accountant General for the time being shall, on or before the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and sixty, transmit an attested Duplicate, fairly written on Paper, of the said Book or Books, into the Office of the Auditor of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, there to remain for ever.

Duplicate thereof to be transmitted to the Exchequer.

Contributors making good their Payments, to have sure Estates in the Annuities.

And it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Contributors duly paying the whole Sums by them respectively subscribed at or before the respective Days and Times in this Act before limited in that Behalf, their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall have,

have, receive, and enjoy their proportional Share of the respective Annuities of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, and Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, out of the Monies by this Act herein after appropriated for Payment thereof, and shall have good and sure Estates and Interests therein for ever; subject nevertheless to the Terms and Provisoes of Reduction and Redemption in this Act herein contained concerning the same respectively.

Contributors making their Payments previous to the Times limited,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, paying in the Whole or any Part of the Sums by them subscribed respectively, previous to the Days appointed for the respective Payments herein before directed, as well in respect to their proportional Share of the said Sum of Four millions five hundred thousand Pounds, as of the said Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, shall be intitled to an Allowance of so much Money as the Interest of the several Sums so previously paid after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, shall amount to, from the Days on which such previous Payments shall have been actually made, to the respective Times on which such Payments are directed to be made; such Allowance to be paid, by the said Cashier or Cashiers out of the Monies contributed towards the said Sum of Five Millions, as soon as such respective Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall have completed their Payments herein before directed to be made; and that as soon as any Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall have completed their Payments of the Whole Purchase Money payable by them respectively for any such Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds, Ten Shillings, per Centum per Annum, the Principal Sum or Sums by them subscribed and paid for the Purchase of such Annuities, shall forthwith be placed to the Credit of the said Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, completing the said Payments, and made transferrable in the Books of the Bank of England, to be kept for that Purpose; and that after any Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall have completed their Payments of the Whole Purchase Money payable by them respectively for any such Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, Lottery Tickets to the Amount of the Principal Sum or Sums by them subscribed and paid for the Purchase thereof, at the Rate of Ten Pounds for each Ticket, shall, as soon as they can con-

to be allowed Interest for the same, &c.

veniently be made out, be delivered to such Contributors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns.

Provided always, That in case any such Contributors who have already deposited with or paid to the said Cashier or Cashiers, any Sum or Sums of Money, at the Times and in the Manner before mentioned, in Part of the Sums so by them subscribed, or their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, do not advance and pay to the said Cashier or Cashiers, the Residue of the Sums so by them subscribed, at the Times and in the Manner before mentioned; then and in every such Case, so much of the Sum so subscribed as shall have been actually paid in Part thereof, to the said Cashier or Cashiers, shall be forfeited for the Benefit of the Publick; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. Contributors not making good their Payments within the Times limited, to forfeit their Deposits.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the several Annuities which by this Act are granted and made payable, until Redemption thereof by Parliament, in Manner herein after mentioned, shall be charged and chargeable upon, and payable out of, such Fund or Funds as are by this Act established for Payment thereof; and if at any Time or Times it shall happen that the Produce of the Fund or Funds so established for Payment of the said several Annuities, shall not be sufficient to pay and discharge the several and respective Annuities, and other Charges, directed to be paid thereout at the End of any or either of the respective half-yearly Days of Payment, at which the same are hereby directed to be paid, then and so often, and in every such Case, such Deficiency or Deficiencies shall and may be supplied out of any of the Monies which at any Time or Times shall be or remain in the Receipt of the Exchequer, of the Surpluses, Excesses, Overplus Monies, and other Revenues, composing the Fund commonly called The Sinking Fund (except such Monies of the said Sinking Fund as are appropriated to any particular Use or Uses by any former Act or Acts of Parliament, in that Behalf) and such Monies of the said Sinking Fund shall and may be, from time to time, issued and applied accordingly; and if at any Time or Times before any Monies of the several Rates and Duties and Sums of Money hereby granted, shall be brought into the Exchequer as aforesaid, there shall happen to be a Want of Money for paying the several Annuities as aforesaid, which shall be actually incurred, and grown due at any of the half-yearly Days of Payment before mentioned, Annuities, &c. charged on the Sinking Fund.

that then and in every such Case, the Money so wanted shall and may be supplied out of the Monies of the Sinking Fund (except as before excepted) and be issued accordingly.

Sinking Fund to be replaced out of the first Supplies.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whatever Monies shall be issued out of the Sinking Fund, shall, from time to time, be replaced by and out of the First Supplies to be then after granted in Parliament.

Annuities, &c. charged on the Sinking Fund.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case there shall be any Surplus or Remainder of the Monies arising by the said Fund or Funds by this Act established for Payment of the said Annuities, after the said several and respective Annuities and all Arrears thereof are satisfied, or Money sufficient shall be reserved for that Purpose, such Surplus or Remainder shall, from time to time, be reserved for the Disposition of Parliament, and shall not be issued but by the Authority of Parliament, and as shall be directed by future Act or Acts of Parliament; any thing in any former or other Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

Managers and Directors of the Lottery to be appointed by the Treasury.

And, for establishing a proper Method for drawing the said Lottery; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Persons as the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, for the time being, shall appoint, shall be Managers and Directors for preparing and delivering out Tickets, and to oversee the drawing of Lots, and to order, do, and perform, such other Matters and Things, as are hereafter in and by this Act directed and appointed by such Managers and Directors to be done and performed; and that such Managers and Directors shall meet together from time to time, at some Public Office or Place, for the Execution of the Powers and Trusts in them reposed by this Act; and that the said Managers and Directors, or so many of them as shall be present at any such Meeting, or the major Part of them, shall cause Books to be prepared, in which every Leaf shall be divided or distinguished into Three Columns; and upon the Innermost of the said Three Columns, there shall be printed Fifty thousand Tickets, hereby intended to be made forth, to be numbered, One, Two, Three, and so onward, in an arithmetical Progression, where the common Excess is to be One, until they rise to and for the Number of

Books to be prepared with 3 Columns, in each of which 50,000 Tickets to be printed.

Fifty

Fifty thousand; and upon the Middle Column in every of the said Books, shall be printed Fifty thousand Tickets of the same Breadth and Form, and numbered in like Manner; and in the Extream Column of the said Books, there shall be printed a Third Rank or Series of Tickets, of the same Number with those of the other Two Columns; which Tickets shall severally be of an oblong Figure; and in the said Books shall be joined with oblique Lines, Flourishes, or Devices, in such Manner as the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, shall think most safe and convenient; and that every Ticket in the Third or Extream Column of the said Books shall have written or printed thereupon (besides the Number of such Ticket, and the present Year of our Lord Christ) Words to this Effect:

Tickets to be of an oblong Form, and joined with oblique Lines, &c.

Tickets in the 3d Column to have the Words following printed on them.

THE Bearer hereof is intitled to Six Pounds, Part of the Joint Stock of Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, transferrable at the Bank of *England*, or to a better Chance.

And it is hereby enacted, That the said Managers and Directors, or so many of them as shall be present at such Meeting, or the major Part of them then present, shall carefully examine all the said Books, with the Tickets therein, and that the same be contrived, numbered, and made, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and shall deliver or cause to be delivered the same Books, and every or any of them, as they shall be examined, to the said Cashier or Cashiers, taking from such Cashier or Cashiers, an Acknowledgement in Writing under his or their Hands, importing his or their Receipt of such Book or Books, and so many Tickets therein as shall be delivered to him or them; and the said Cashier or Cashiers is and are hereby directed and required, upon his and their receiving every or any intire Sum of Ten Pounds, in full Payment of a Ticket, from any Person or Persons contributing or adventuring as aforesaid, to cut out of the said Book or Books so to be put into his or their Custody, through the said oblique Lines, Flourishes, or Devices, indentwise, One of the Tickets in the said Extream Columns, which the said Cashier or Cashiers shall sign with his or their own Name or Names; and such

Managers to examine the Books with the Tickets, and deliver them to the Cashier,

and take a Receipt for the same.

Cashier to give a Ticket for every Sum of 10*l.* paid in,

and permit the Adventurer to write his Name on the corresponding Ticket.

such Cashier or Cashiers shall permit the Contributors or Adventurers, if it be desired, to write his or her Name or Mark on the corresponding Ticket in the same Book; and at the same Time the Cashier or Cashiers shall deliver to the said Contributor or Adventurer the Ticket so cut off, which he, she, or they, are to keep and use for the better ascertaining and securing of the Interest which he, she, or they, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall or may have in the said Fund, for the Monies so contributed or adventured, until Redemption thereof, in Manner herein after mentioned.

Cashier to re-deliver the Books to the Managers, by 14 *October*, 1758,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Cashier or Cashiers, on or before the Fourteenth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, shall re-deliver to the said Managers and Directors, at their said Office or Place of Meeting, all the said Books, and therein all the Tickets which the said Cashier or Cashiers shall not have cut out and delivered to the Contributors or Adventurers for their Monies as aforesaid; and shall then and there also deliver to the said Managers and Directors, a true and just Account in Writing under his or their Hands, of all Sums of Money accrued or come to the Hands of such Cashier or Cashiers, by or for the Tickets delivered or to be delivered out pursuant to this Act, and how the same, or how much thereof, shall have been actually paid by such Cashier or Cashiers into the Receipt of the Exchequer, for the Purposes in this Act expressed; and that the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, which shall be present at a Meeting as aforesaid, shall forthwith cause all the Tickets of the said Outermost Columns which shall not have been delivered to the Contributors as aforesaid, if any such be, to be delivered into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, there to be retained and kept as Cash, to be issued, sold, and disposed of, for raising Money for the Purposes in this Act mentioned, as the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or the High Treasurer, for the time being, shall judge reasonable and fitting.

and account for the Sums received.

Tickets undisposed of to be returned into the Exchequer.

Tickets of the Middle Column to be rolled up, and tied;

And be it further enacted, That the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, which shall be present at a Meeting as aforesaid, shall cause all the Tickets, of the Middle Columns in the Books made out in Three Columns as aforesaid, which shall be delivered back to them by or from the said Cashier or Cashiers as aforesaid, to be carefully rolled up and made fast with Thread or Silk; and the said Managers or Directors, or the ma-

for Part of them as aforeſaid, ſhall, in their Preſence, and in the Preſence of ſuch Contributors or Adventurers as will be there, cauſe all the ſaid Tickets which are to be ſo rolled up and made faſt as aforeſaid, to be cut off indentwiſe through the ſaid oblique Lines, Flouriſhes, or Devices, into a Box to be prepared for that Purpoſe, and to be marked with the Letter (A) which is preſently to be put into another ſtrong Box, and to be locked up with ſeven different Locks and Keys, to be kept by as many of the ſaid Managers, and ſealed with their Seals, or the Seals of ſome of them, until the ſaid Tickets are to be drawn, as is herein after mentioned; and that the Tickets in the Firſt or Innermoſt Columns of the ſaid Books ſhall remain ſtill in the Books for diſcovering any Miſtake or Fraud (if any ſuch ſhould happen to be committed) contrary to the true Meaning of this Act.

and cut off indentwiſe into a Box marked with the Letter (A)

Box to be locked up and ſealed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, which ſhall be preſent at any Meeting as aforeſaid, ſhall alſo prepare, or cauſe to be prepared, other Books, in which every Leaf ſhall be divided or diſtinguiſhed into Two Columns, and upon the Innermoſt of thoſe Two Columns, there ſhall be printed Fifty thouſand Tickets, and upon the Outermoſt of the ſaid Two Columns there ſhall be printed Fifty thouſand Tickets; all which ſhall be of equal Length and Breadth as near as may be; which Two Colums in the ſaid Books, ſhall be joined with ſome Flouriſh or Device, through which the outermoſt Tickets may be cut off indentwiſe, and that Six thouſand five hundred Tickets, Part of thoſe to be contained in the Outermoſt Columns of the Books laſt-mentioned, ſhall be, and be called, the Fortunate Tickets, to which extraordinary Benefits ſhall belong, as is herein after-mentioned; and the ſaid Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, or ſuch of them as ſhall be preſent at a Meeting as aforeſaid, ſhall cauſe the ſaid Fortunate Tickets to be written upon or otherwiſe expreſſed, as well in Figures as in Words at Length, in Manner following; that is to ſay, Upon Two of them ſeverally, Ten thouſand Pounds Principal Money; upon Three of them ſeverally, Five thouſand Pounds Principal Money; upon Six of them ſeverally, Two thouſand Pounds Principal Money; upon Seventeen of them ſeverally, One thouſand Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Twenty nine of them ſeverally, Five hundred Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of One hundred forty Two of them ſeverally, One hundred Pounds Principal

Books to be prepared with 2 Columns, on each of which 50,000 Tickets to be printed.

The Number and Value of the Fortunate Tickets.

Money; upon every One of Six hundred and Twenty six of them severally, Fifty Pounds Principal Money; upon every One of Five thousand six hundred and seventy five of them severally, Twenty Pounds Principal Money; which Principal Sums so to be written, or otherwise expressed, upon the said Fortunate Tickets, together with Five hundred Pounds Principal Money to be allowed to the Owner of the First drawn Ticket, and One thousand Pounds Principal Money to the Owner of the Last drawn Ticket, besides the Benefits which may happen to belong to the Two last-mentioned Tickets, will amount in the Whole to the Principal Sum of Two hundred thirty nine thousand Pounds; which Sum being added to the Sum of Two hundred fifty one thousand Pounds (which will be the Principal payable according to the Intent and Meaning of this Act, on the remaining forty three thousand five hundred Blank or Unfortunate Tickets, computed at the Rate of Six Pounds for each Blank or Unfortunate Ticket) do amount together to the Principal Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, being the Total Principal Sum to be converted into Annuities in pursuance of this Act, in respect of the said Lottery Tickets; and the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, who shall be present at a Meeting as aforesaid, shall cause all the said Tickets contained in the Outermost Columns of the last-mentioned Books, to be, in the Presence of the said Managers and Directors, or the major Part of them, which shall be present at a Meeting as aforesaid, and in the Presence of such Contributors or Adventurers as will then be there, carefully rolled up and fastened with Thread or Silk, and carefully cut out indentwise through the said Flourish or Device, into another Box to be prepared for this Purpose, and to be marked with the Letter (B) which Box shall be presently put into another strong Box, and locked up with Seven different Locks and Keys, to be kept by as many of the said Managers, and sealed up with their Seals, or the Seals of some of them, until those Tickets shall also be drawn, in the Manner and Form herein after-mentioned; and that the whole Business of rolling up and cutting off, and putting into the said Boxes the said Tickets, and locking up and sealing the said Boxes, shall be performed by the said Managers and Directors, or such of them as aforesaid, within Six Days at least before the Drawing of the said Lottery shall begin; and to the End every Person concerned may be well assured that the Counterpart of the same Number with his or her Ticket, is put into the

500 *l.* to the First drawn Ticket, and 500 *l.* to the Last drawn.

Blank Tickets, at the Rate of 6*l.*

Tickets of the Outermost Columns to be rolled up and tied,

and cut out indentwise, into a Box marked with the Letter (B)

Box to be locked up and sealed.

Box

Box marked with the Letter (A) from whence the same may be drawn, and that other Matters are done as hereby directed, some publick Notification in Print shall be given of the precise Time or Times of putting the said Tickets into the said Boxes, to the End that such Adventurers as shall be minded to see the same done, may be present at the doing thereof.

Publick Notice to be given of Times of putting the Tickets into the Boxes.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on or before the Thirteenth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, the said Managers and Directors shall cause the said several Boxes, with all the Tickets therein, to be brought into the Guildhall of the City of London by Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon of the same Day, and placed on a Table there for that Purpose, and shall then and there severally attend this Service, and cause the Two Boxes containing the said Tickets, to be severally taken out of the other Two Boxes, in which they shall have been locked up; and the Tickets of Lots in the respective innermost Boxes being, in the Presence of the said Managers and Directors, or such of them as shall be then present, and of such Adventurers as will be there for the Satisfaction of themselves, well shaken and mingled in each Box distinctly; and some One indifferent and fit Person, to be appointed and directed by the Managers aforesaid, or the major Part of them, or such of them as shall be then present, shall take out and draw One Ticket from the Box where the said numbered Tickets shall be as aforesaid put; and One other indifferent and fit Person, to be appointed and directed in like Manner, shall presently take out a Ticket or Lot from the Box where the said Six thousand five hundred Fortunate, and Forty three three thousand five hundred Blank Tickets shall be promiscuously put as aforesaid; and immediately both the Tickets so drawn shall be opened, and the Number, as well of the Fortunate as the Blank Ticket, shall be named aloud; and if the Ticket taken or drawn from the Box containing the Fortunate and Blank Lots shall appear to be a Blank, then the numbered Ticket so drawn with the said Blank at the same Time, shall both be put upon One File; and if the Ticket so drawn or taken from the Box containing the Fortunate and Blank Lots, shall appear to be One of the Fortunate Tickets, then the principal Sum written upon such Fortunate Ticket, whatever it be, shall be entered by a Clerk, which the said Managers, or the major Part of them as aforesaid, shall employ and oversee for this Purpose, into a Book to be kept for entering

Lottery to begin drawing on 13 *Novem.* 1758.

Method to be observed in drawing, &c.

tering the Numbers coming up with the said Fortunate Tickets, and the principal Sums whereunto they shall be intitled respectively, and Two of the said Managers shall set their Names as Witnesses to such Entries; and the said Fortunate and numbered Tickets so drawn together, shall be put upon another File; and so the said Drawing of the Tickets shall continue, by taking One Ticket at a Time out of each Box, and with opening, naming aloud, and filing the same, and by entering the Fortunate Lots in such Method as is before mentioned, until the whole Number of Six thousand five hundred Fortunate Tickets, and One more for the Last drawn as aforesaid, shall be compleatly drawn; and if the same cannot be performed in One Day's Time, the said Managers and Directors shall cause the Boxes to be locked up and sealed in Manner as aforesaid, and adjourn till the next Day, and so from Day to Day, and every Day, (except Sundays, Christmas, and Fast Days appointed by particular Acts of Parliament, or by the King's Proclamation) and then open the same, and proceed as above till the said whole Number of Six thousand five hundred Fortunate Tickets, and One more, shall be compleatly drawn as aforesaid; and afterwards the said numbered Tickets so drawn, with the Fortunate Tickets drawn against the same, shall be and remain in a strong Box locked up as aforesaid, and under the Custody of the said Managers, until they shall take them out to examine, adjust, and settle the Property thereof.

After each Day's Drawing, the Boxes to be locked up and sealed.

And, to the End the Fortunate may know, whether absent or present, to what Degree they have been so; be it enacted, That as soon as the Drawing is over, the said Managers are hereby required, as soon as conveniently may be, to cause to be printed and published the Number of the Tickets drawn against each Fortunate Ticket, and the Principal Sum written on the same; and if any Contention or Dispute shall arise in adjusting the Property of the said Fortunate Tickets, the major Part of the said Managers, agreeing therein, shall determine to whom it doth or ought to belong: And if any Person or Persons shall forge or counterfeit any Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates, to be made forth in pursuance of this Act, or made forth, or to be made forth, on any former Lottery Act, or alter any the Numbers thereof, or utter, vend, barter, or dispose of, or offer to dispose of, any false, altered, forged or counterfeited Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates, or bring any forged or counterfeit Ticket or Certificate, or any Ticket or Certificate

Numbers of the Fortunate Tickets, and the Sums, to be printed.

Disputes relating thereto, to be adjusted by the Managers.

Penalty of forging Tickets or Certificates.

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the Number whereof is altered (knowing the same to be such) to the said Managers, or any of them, or the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or their Cashier or Cashiers, or Accomptant General for the time being, or to any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to the Intent to defraud His Majesty, or any Contributor or Adventurer, or the Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, of any Contributor or Adventurer upon this Act, with a fraudulent Intention; then every such Person, being thereof convicted in due Form of Law, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy: And the said Managers and Directors, or any Two or more of them, are hereby authorized and required to cause any Person or Persons bringing or uttering such forged or counterfeit Ticket or Tickets, Certificate or Certificates, as aforesaid, to be apprehended, and to commit him, her, or them, to His Majesty's Gaol of Newgate, or to the common Gaol of the County or Place where such Person or Persons shall be so apprehended, to be proceeded against for the said Felony according to Law. Felony.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person who shall be appointed as aforesaid to be a Manager and Director for putting this Act in Execution, before his acting in such Commission, shall take the Oath following; that is to say, Managers to be sworn.

I *A. B.* do swear, That I will faithfully execute the Trust reposed in me; and that I will not use any indirect Art or Means, or permit or direct any Person to use any indirect Art or Means, to obtain a Prize or Fortunate Lot, for myself, or any other Person whatsoever; and that I will, to the best of my Judgement, declare to whom any Prize, Lot, or Ticket, of Right does belong, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Act of Parliament made in the Twenty ninth Year of His Majesty's Reign in that Behalf. The Oath.

Which said Oath shall and may be administered by any Two or more of the other Managers and Directors.

Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Cashier or Cashiers, having given Security as aforesaid, at any Time or Times before such Cashier or Cashiers shall have received any Book or Books from the

said Managers comprehending the said Fifty thousand Tickets as aforesaid, in Three Columns as aforesaid, to receive from any Person or Persons who will voluntarily offer, contribute, and advance, the Residue of any Sum of Ten Pounds, or several Sums of Ten Pounds, upon this Act as aforesaid, the Sums so offered to be contributed or advanced, at One entire Payment, or in such Proportions and Manner as aforesaid, before such Cashier or Cashiers shall have received such Book or Books; and the said Cashier or Cashiers shall give a Note or Receipt, under his or their Hand or Hands, for the Sum or Sums so contributed, and shall be obliged thereby, and by this Act, to give the Bearer of every such Note or Receipt, a Ticket or Tickets of the Extream Column of the Three Columns Book or Books aforesaid, for every Ten Pounds so contributed, paid, or answered, as soon as he or they shall be enabled thereunto by Delivery of any such Book or Books to him or them from the said Managers as aforesaid; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Adventurer not paying his whole Consideration-money by the Times limited, shall lose the advanced Money.

Provided also, That in case any such Contributor or Adventurer as aforesaid, who shall have advanced and paid down to such Cashier or Cashiers a Proportion of his, her, or their Consideration-money, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, do not advance and pay unto such Cashier or Cashiers the remaining Part of his, her, or their Consideration-money, so to be paid in full for such Tickets as aforesaid, on or before the Times for paying thereof as aforesaid; that then, and in every such Case, every such Contributor or Adventurer shall forfeit and lose to His Majesty, for the Use of the Publick, the Proportion of his, her, or their Purchase-money which he, she, or they shall have so paid down as aforesaid; and in such Case no Ticket or Tickets shall be delivered out by the said Cashier or Cashiers to such Contributor or Contributors making such Default, but the Ticket and Tickets which should have been delivered to such Contributor and Contributors, had they paid the full Money for the same, shall be returned and delivered to the said Managers and Directors by the said Cashier or Cashiers, together with the other Tickets (if any) in the Outermost Column of the Book and Books first herein mentioned and directed to be prepared, which shall not have been disposed of to Contributors as aforesaid; and such Ticket and Tickets, upon and for which Defaults of Payments shall have been made as aforesaid, shall be delivered into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer with other the said undisposed Tickets (if any) there to be retained and kept as Cash,

Tickets to be disposed of, shall be delivered into the Exchequer.

and to be issued, sold, and disposed of, for the Purposes, and in the Manner, herein before directed and appointed with respect to the said undisposed Tickets; and the said Contributor and Contributors making such Default, shall not have or receive, or be intitled to have or receive, any Benefit or Advantage for or in respect of the Money which he, she, or they shall have paid for or towards the Purchase of such Ticket or Tickets; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Managers, &c. to be paid by the Commissioners of the Treasury out of the Lottery Money.

Provided also, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That out of the Monies to arise by the said Contributions to the Lottery as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the time being, to reward the said Managers and Directors, and the Clerks and Officers to be employed by and under them, and any other Officers and Persons that shall and may be any ways employed in this Affair, for their Labour and Pains; also to discharge all incident Expences as shall necessarily attend the Execution of this Act, in such Manner as any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or the High Treasurer for the time being, shall, from time to time, think fit and reasonable in that Behalf; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Guardians may adventure Infants Money in the Lottery.

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Guardian or Trustee having the Disposition of the Money of any Infant, for the Use and Behoof of such Infant, to contribute and pay, for or towards advancing the said Sum of Five Millions, any Sums of the Monies of such Infant, and such Infant, upon Payment of such Sum or Sums, shall become a Contributor within the Meaning of this Act, and be intitled to have and receive such Payment in respect thereof, and in such like Manner as any other Contributor; and the said Guardian and Trustee, as to the said Sum or Sums so advanced, is hereby discharged, so as the Name of such Infant be expressed in the Receipt or Receipts for such Money; and also upon the Ticket or Tickets that shall be delivered out for the same, that so it may appear that such Infant or Infants was or were the Contributor or Contributors.

Limitation of Sale of Chances, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons, in Great Britain or Ireland, shall sell the Chance or Chances of any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery, or any Share or Shares in any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery, for a Day, or Part of a Day, or for a longer Time less than the whole Time of drawing the Lottery then to come, or shall receive

ceive any Money whatsoever in Consideration of the Repayment of any Sum or Sums of Money, in case any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery shall prove Fortunate; or shall lay any Wager relating to the drawing of any Ticket or Tickets in the said Lottery, either as to the Time of such Ticket or Tickets being drawn, or whether such Ticket or Tickets be drawn Fortunate or Unfortunate; and all and every Person and Persons who shall offend in any of the above-mentioned Matters, shall forfeit and pay Treble the Sum and Sums of Money which shall have been received by such Person or Persons, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster or Dublin respectively; on which no Essoin, Protection, Privilege, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; One Moiety whereof to be for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, and the other Moiety to be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same; and every such Wager or Contract, and every Agreement relating thereto, shall be, and is hereby declared to be null, and void.

Penalty.

Persons selling Shares in Tickets of which they are not possessed,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, in Great Britain or Ireland, shall keep any Office or Offices, or shall print or publish any Scheme or Proposal, for receiving any Sum or Sums of Money in Consideration of an Interest to be granted for the same, any Ticket, or Number of Tickets, in the said Lottery, whereof such Person or Persons shall not then be actually possessed, or in Consideration of any Sum or Sums of Money to be repaid in case any Ticket or Number of Tickets, in the said Lottery, which shall not be in the actual Possession of such Person or Persons, shall prove Fortunate, all and every such Person and Persons shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster or Dublin respectively; in which no Essoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; One Moiety thereof to be for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, and the other Moiety to be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same; and also shall suffer Three Months Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize.

to forfeit 500*l.*

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Offence against any of the Acts of Parliament made in this Kingdom, for preventing private and

unlawful Lotteries, shall be committed in Ireland, the Offender shall incur the like Penalty and Punishment, to be inflicted in like Manner as if the Offence was committed in this Kingdom; and that such Penalties as, by any of the said Acts, are directed to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, shall, in case of Offences committed against any of the said Acts in Ireland, be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Dublin.

Offences committed in *Ireland* against Acts for preventing unlawful Lotteries, declared to be punishable, and may be sued for in *Dublin*.

And to the End that all the Payments as well upon the Fortunate as upon the Unfortunate Tickets, may be more easily ascertained, settled, and adjusted, for the Persons who shall be and become intitled thereunto; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That as soon as conveniently may be after the Drawing of the said Lottery shall be completed and ended, all the said Tickets, as well those contained in the Books with Three Columns, as those contained in the Books with Two Columns, to be given out as aforesaid, shall be exchanged for Certificates to be signed by such of the said Managers, as shall be appointed for that Purpose.

After the Drawing of the Lottery, the Tickets to be exchanged for Certificates.

And be it further enacted, That such of the said Managers, as any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury now being, or the High Treasurer for the time being, shall appoint to take in the said Tickets, and deliver out the said Certificates for and in lieu thereof, shall give timely Notice, by Advertisement to be printed and published in Manner as they shall think fit, of the Days and Times for taking in the said Tickets, and delivering out the said Certificates, for and in lieu of the same; and every Person's Certificate shall be numbered in Course, according to their bringing their Tickets to the said Officer or Officers so to be appointed for exchanging the same; to which Purpose such Officer or Officers shall enter or cause to be entered in a Book or Books to be by him or them kept for that Purpose, the Name of every Person who brings any Ticket or Tickets to be exchanged for such Certificate or Certificates, and the Number or Numbers of the Ticket or Tickets which shall be so brought by such Person or Persons, the Value in Principal Money payable thereupon, and the Day of the Month, and the Year of our Lord, when the same was so brought, which Book and Books shall lie open in the Office to be appointed for taking in the said Tickets to be exchanged for such Certificates, for all Persons concerned to peruse; all which Certificates shall be signed by the Officer or Officers so to be appointed, or the major Part of them, and be directed

Managers to give Notice of the Time for taking in the Tickets, and delivering out the Certificates, &c.

Book to be kept for entering Persons Names,

and the Number of their Tickets, &c.

rected to the Accountant General of the Bank of England for the time being.

Certificates to be signed, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Accountant General of the Bank of England for the time being, to whom the said Certificates are to be directed as aforesaid, shall upon receiving and taking the said Certificates, or any of them, give Credit to the Persons named therein, in a Book or Books, in Manner herein before directed, to be by him provided and kept for that Purpose, for the Principal Sums contained in every such Certificate; and the Persons to whose Credit such Principal Sums shall be entered in the said Book or Books, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall and may have Power to assign and transfer the same, or any Part, Share, or Proportion thereof, to any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politick, or Corporate whatsoever, in other Books to be prepared and kept by the said Accountant General for that Purpose; and the Principal Sums so assigned or transferred, shall carry the said Annuity of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, and shall be taken and deemed to be Stock transferrable by virtue of this Act, until the Redemption thereof, in Manner herein after mentioned; and the said Accountant General of the Bank of England for the time being, is hereby authorized and directed to cancel and file the Certificates, as they shall from time to time be received and taken in by him, and to give the Persons bringing the same, a Note under his Hand, testifying the Principal Money for which they have Credit in the said Book or Books, by Reason or Means of the Certificates so received, taken in, and cancelled, as aforesaid, and of the Annuities attending the same.

Accomptant General to give Credit for the Principal Sums in the Certificates.

Assignments may be made of the said Sums, &c.

Certificates to be filed and cancelled, and Notes to be given in lieu thereof.

And, for the more easy and sure Payment as well of said Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, as of the said Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and their Successors, shall, from time to time, until the said respective Annuities shall be redeemed according to this Act, appoint and employ One or more sufficient Person or Persons within their Office in the City of London, to be the First or Chief Cashier or Cashiers, and One other sufficient Person in the said Office to be their Accountant General; and that so much of the Monies by this Act appropriated for this Purpose, as shall be sufficient from time to time to answer the said several and

A Chief Cashier, and Accountant General, to be appointed by the Bank for paying the Annuities.

respective Annuities and other Payments herein directed to be made out of the said Monies, shall, by Order of the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury, for the time being, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained, in that Behalf, from time to time, at the respective Days of Payment in this Act before appointed for Payment thereof, to be issued and paid at the Receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer, to the said First or Chief Cashier or Cashiers by way of Imprest, and upon Account, for the Payment of the said several and respective Annuities payable by virtue of this Act; and that all and every such Cashier or Cashiers, to whom the said Monies shall, from time to time, be issued, shall from time to time, without Delay, pay the same accordingly, and render his or their Accounts thereof, according to the due Course of the Exchequer.

Treasury to issue Money for that Purpose to the said Cashier,

who is to account for the same.

And it is hereby also enacted, That the said Accountant General for the time being, shall, from time to time, inspect and examine all Receipts and Payments of the said Cashier or Cashiers, and the Vouchers relating thereunto, in order to prevent any Fraud, Negligence, or Delay; and that all Persons who shall be intitled to any of the said several and respective Annuities, and all Persons lawfully claiming under them, shall be possessed thereof as of a Personal Estate, and that the same shall not be descendable to the Heir, and shall be free from all Taxes, Charges, and Impositions whatsoever, and shall not be liable to any Foreign Attachment by the Custom of London, or otherwise; any Law, Statute, or Custom, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Accountant General to examine the Receipts and Payments of the Cashier.

Annuities deemed a Personal Estate, &c. and to be Tax free.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Sum of Four millions five hundred thousand Pounds, Part of the said Sum of Five Millions, shall be deemed One Capital or Joint Stock; and that all Persons and Corporations whatsoever, in Proportion to the Monies by them severally advanced, for the Purchase of the said Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds, Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, or such other Annuities to which they shall become intitled by virtue of this Act, shall have and be deemed to have a proportional Interest and Share in the said Stock, and in the Annuities attending the same, at the Rates aforesaid; and that the said whole Capital or Joint Stock, or any Share or Interest therein, and the proportional Annuity attending the same, shall be assignable and transferrable as this Act directs, and not otherwise.

The 3 and half *per Cent.* Annuities deemed a Joint Stock;

and made transferrable.

And

The 3 l. per Cent. Annuities to be made a Joint Stock with Annuities of like Value, incorporated by Act 25 Geo. II.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Monies to which any Person or Persons shall become intitled by virtue of this Act, in respect of any Sum advanced or contributed towards the said Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, on which the said Annuities after the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, shall be attending, shall be added to the Joint Stock of Annuities transferrable at the Bank of England, into which the several Sums carrying an Interest at the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum per Annum, were by an Act made in the Twenty fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty converted, and shall be deemed Part of the said Joint Stock of Annuities, subject nevertheless to a Redemption by Parliament, in such Manner, and upon such Notice, as is in the said Act directed, in respect of the several and respective Annuities, redeemable by virtue of the said Act; and that all and every Person or Persons and Corporations whatsoever, in proportion to the Money to which he, she, or they shall become intitled as aforesaid, by virtue of this Act, shall have and be deemed to have a proportional Interest and Share in the said Joint Stock of Annuities, at the Rate aforesaid.

Transfer Books to be kept by the Accountant General.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be constantly kept by the Accountant General for the time being, Books, wherein all Assignments of the Sums advanced or contributed towards the said Sum of Four millions five hundred thousand Pounds, and also all Assignments or Transfers of all Sums advanced and contributed towards the said Sum of Five hundred thousand Pounds, shall at all seasonable Times be entered and registered; which Entries shall be conceived in proper Words for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Parties making such Assignments or Transfers; or if such Parties be absent, by their respective Attorney or Attornies, thereunto lawfully authorized in Writing under their Hands and Seals, to be attested by Two or more credible Witnesses, and the several Persons to whom such Transfers shall be made, do respectively underwrite their Acceptance thereof; and that no other Method of assigning and transferring the said several Annuities, or any Part thereof, or any Interest, shall be good or available in Law.

Method of transferring Stock.

Annuities devisable by Will.

Provided always, That all Persons possessed of any Share or Interest in either of the said Joint Stocks of Annuities, or any Estate or Interest therein, may devise the same by Will in Writing, attested by Two or more credible Witnesses, but that no Payment shall be made upon any such Devise till so much of the said Will as relates

lates to the said Joint Stocks of Annuities, be entered in the said Office; and in Default of such Transfer or Devise, such Share or Interest in the said Joint Stock of Annuities, shall go to the Executors or Administrators; and that no Stamp Duties whatsoever, shall be charged upon the said Transfers, or any of them; any other Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Entry to be made of such Claute in the Will.

Transfer not liable to Stamp Duties.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That out of the Monies arising from the Contribution towards raising the said Sum of Five Millions, the Commissioners of the Treasury, or any Three or more of them now being, or the High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, shall have Power to discharge all such incident Charges as shall necessarily attend the Execution of this Act, in such Manner as to them shall seem just and reasonable; and also to settle and appoint such Allowances as they shall see just and reasonable, for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the said Cashier or Cashiers, for receiving, paying, and accounting for the said Contributions; and also shall have Power to take out of the said Sinking Fund such further Allowances as they shall think just and reasonable, for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the Cashier or Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, for receiving, paying, and accounting for the several and respective Annuities payable by virtue of this Act, and also for the Service, Pains, and Labour of the Accountant General of the said Governor and Company for performing the Duty and Trust incumbent on him by this Act; all which Allowances hereby impowered to be made as aforesaid, in respect to the Service, Pains, and Labour of any Officer or Officers of the said Governor and Company, shall be for the Use and Benefit of the said Governor and Company, and at their Disposal only; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Treasury to pay all incident Charges attending the Execution of this Act;

and to make an Allowance to the Cashier, and Accountant General;

to be at the Disposal of the Governor and Company of the Bank.

And be it hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Fee or Gratuity shall be demanded or taken of any of His Majesty's Subjects for receiving or paying the said Contribution-monies, or any of them, or for any Tallies or Receipts concerning the same, or for issuing the Monies for paying the said several Annuities, or any of them; and that no Fee or Gratuity shall be demanded or taken for any Transfer great or small, to be made in pursuance of this Act, upon Pain that the Officer or Person offending by taking or demanding any such Fee or Gratuity, contrary to this Act, shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds to the Party grieved,

Officers taking any Fee or Gratuity in the Course of their Business, forfeit 20 l.

to be recovered, with Full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster.

The Annuities at 3 *l.* 10 *s. per Cent* not redeemable till after the Expiration of 24 Years, &c.

Provided also, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That at any Time after the Expiration of Twenty four Years, to be computed from the Fifth Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, and not sooner, upon Six Months Notice to be printed in the London Gazette, and affixed upon the Royal Exchange in London, by Authority of Parliament; and upon Repayment by Parliament of the whole Principal Sum of Four millions five hundred thousand Pounds, for which the said Annuities, after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings per Centum per Annum, are payable to such respective Persons or Corporations as shall be intitled to the same Annuities; or upon the like Repayment by Parliament of any Part of the said Sum of Four millions five hundred thousand Pounds, so as such Part of the Sum so paid at any One Time be not less than Five hundred thousand Pounds; and also upon full Payment of all Arrearages of the same Annuities; then, and not till then, the said Annuities shall cease and determine, and be understood to be redeemed; and that any Vote or Resolution of the House of Commons, signified by the Speaker in Writing, to be inserted in the London Gazette, and affixed on the Royal Exchange in London as aforesaid, shall be deemed and adjudged to be sufficient Notice within the Words and Meaning of this Act.

Bank to continue a Corporation till these Annuities be redeemed, &c.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Governor and Company of the Bank of England, and their Successors, notwithstanding the Redemption of all or any their own Funds, in pursuance of the Acts for establishing the same, or any of them, shall continue a Corporation, till all the said several Annuities shall be redeemed by Parliament, according to the Provisoes herein before contained in that Behalf; and that the said Governor and Company, or any Member thereof, shall not incur any Disability, for or by reason of their doing any Matter or Thing in pursuance of this Act.

And whereas Doubts may arise, whether the Punishment inflicted in and by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the First, intituled, An Act to prevent the Mischiefs by Foreign Powers, to transfer such Stocks, or to receive such Annuities or Dividends as are therein mentioned; or by fraudulently personating the true Owners thereof; and to rectify Mistakes of the late Managers for taking Subscriptions for increasing the Capital Stock of the South Sea Company, and in the Instru-

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ments founded thereupon, on Persons guilty of the several Species of Forgery, and other Offences therein mentioned, extends to the Commission of the like Forgery and Offences in relation to such Capital Stocks and Funds as have been established by the Authority of Parliament, since the passing of the said Act, and may be hereafter established; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the First Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or assist in the forging or counterfeiting any Letter of Attorney, or other Authority or Instrument, to transfer, assign, sell, or convey any Share or Shares, or any Part of any Share or Shares, of or in any such Capital Stock or Funds of any Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate established, or which shall be established by any Act or Acts of Parliament; or to receive any Dividend or Dividends attending any Share or Shares, or any Part of any Share or Shares, of, or in, any such Capital Stock or Funds as aforesaid; or to receive any Annuity or Annuities, in respect whereof any Proprietor or Proprietors have or shall have any transferrable Share or Shares of or in any Capital Stock or Stocks which now are, or hereafter shall be, established by any Act or Acts of Parliament, in Proportion to their respective Annuities; or shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or knowingly and wilfully act or assist in the forging or counterfeiting any the Name or Names of any the Proprietors of any such Share or Shares in Stock, or of any the Persons intitled to any such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends, as aforesaid, in or to any such pretended Letter of Attorney, Instrument, or Authority; or shall knowingly or fraudulently demand, or endeavour to have, any such Share or Shares in Stock, or any Part thereof, transferred, assigned, sold, or conveyed, or such Annuity or Annuities, Dividend or Dividends, or any Part thereof, to be received by virtue of any such counterfeit or forged Letter of Attorney, Authority, or Instrument; or shall falsely and deceitfully personate any true and real Proprietors of the said Shares in Stock Annuities and Dividends, or any of them, or any Part thereof, and thereby transferring or endeavouring to transfer the Stock, or receiving or endeavouring to receive the Money, of such true and lawful Proprietor, as if such Offender were the true and lawful Owner thereof; then, and in every or any such Case, all and every such Person and Persons, being

Penalty in the recited Act of forging or counterfeiting Letters of Attorney, in order to sell, or transfer Stock in any of the Funds, &c. or to receive any Dividends or Annuities thereon, &c. extended to this Act, &c.

thereof

thereof lawfully convicted in due Form of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Penalty in the Act of 2 Geo. II.

And whereas Doubts may arise whether the Punishment inflicted in and by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for the more effectual preventing and further Punishment of Forgery, Perjury, and Subornation of Perjury; and to make it Felony to steal Bonds, Notes, or other Securities for Payment of Money, on Persons guilty of the several Species of Forgery therein mentioned, extends to the Commission of the like Forgeries with an Intention to defraud any Corporation; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person from and after the First Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, shall falsely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the false making, forging, or counterfeiting, any Deed, Will, Testament, Bond, Writing, Obligatory Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note for Payment of Money, Indorsement or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange, or Promissory Note for Payment of Money, or any Acquittance or Receipt either for Money or Goods, with an Intention to defraud any Corporation whatsoever; or shall utter or publish as true, any false, forged, or counterfeited Deed, Will, Testament, Bond, Writing, Obligatory Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note for Payment of Money, Indorsement, or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange, or Promissory Note for Payment of Money, Acquittance or Receipt either for Money or Goods, with Intention to defraud any Corporation, knowing the same to be false, forged, or counterfeited; then every such Person, being thereof lawfully convicted according to the due Course of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

of forging or publishing any Deed, Will, Obligation, Acquittance, &c. with Intent to defraud any Corporation, extended to this Act.

Limitation of Actions.

And it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall, at any Time or Times, be sued or prosecuted for any Thing by him or them done or executed in pursuance of this Act, or of any Matter or Thing in this Act contained, such Person or Persons shall and may plead the General Issue, and give the Special Matter in Evidence for his or their Defence; and if upon the Trial a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant or Defendants, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuited, then such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs to him or them awarded against such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

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