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Cap. xxii.

An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the First and Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for better raising and securing the Fund established for making Provision for the Widows of the Writers to His Majesty's Signet in *Scotland*. [19th *May* 1836.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for raising and securing a Fund for making Provision for the Widows of the Writers to His Majesty's Signet in* Scotland: And whereas another Act was passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of His said Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of His Majesty's Reign, for raising a Fund for making Provision for the Widows of the Writers to His Majesty's Signet in* Scotland: And whereas another Act was passed in the First and Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for better raising and securing the Fund established for making Provision for the Widows of the Writers to His Majesty's Signet in* Scotland: And whereas by the last-mentioned Act it was amongst other Things enacted, that at the Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and annually at each Term of *Whitsunday* thereafter, the Treasurer to the Society of Writers to His Majesty's Signet should

43 G. 3. c. 107.

58 G. 3. c. 74.

1 & 2 W. 4. c. 5.

pay, out of the Common Funds of the Society, to the Collector of the said Widows Fund, the Sum of One Pound Sterling for each Contributor to the said Fund alive at each Term of *Whitsunday* respectively when such Payment was to be made; but in consequence of the Annual Income of the Common Funds of the said Society having become insufficient, after defraying the Annual Burdens thereon, to pay the said Sum of One Pound for each Contributor to the said Fund alive at each Term of *Whitsunday*, it is necessary in some other Manner to raise and provide an Equivalent for the said Annual Contribution: And whereas it is expedient in some other respects to alter and amend the Provisions of the last-mentioned Act; but inasmuch as the same cannot be done without the Aid and Authority of Parliament, May it therefore please 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 passing of this Act so much of the said last-mentioned Act as relates to the Annual Payment by the Treasurer of the Society of Writers to His Majesty's Signet, out of the Common Funds of the said Society, to the Collector of the said Widows Fund, of the Sum of One Pound for each Contributor to the said Fund alive at each Term of *Whitsunday* respectively, shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and the Annual Payment of One Pound for each Contributor, which otherwise would have become payable from the Common Funds of the said Society to the Collector of the said Fund at the Term of *Whitsunday* next after the passing of this Act, and at every following Term of *Whitsunday*, shall be no longer exigible.

So much of last-mentioned Act repealed as relates to Annual Payment from Common Funds of Society.

Apprentices to pay 30*l.* additional.

II. And be it enacted, That every Person who from and after the passing of this Act shall be desirous of entering into Apprenticeship with any Member of the said Society, whether a Contributor to the said Fund or not, to entitle such Apprentice to the Privileges of the said Society, shall, before presenting the Petition for Liberty to enter into such Apprenticeship, pay to the said Collector, for the Benefit of the said Fund, the Sum of Thirty Pounds Sterling, in addition to the Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling payable by such Person under the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act, together with the Stamp Duty for the Receipt to be given for such Payment; and no such Petition shall be received unless Payment of the said Sum of Thirty Pounds, as well as of the said Sum of Twenty Pounds, being Fifty Pounds Sterling in all, be previously made, and a Receipt for the same by the Collector be produced therewith; but the said Two Sums of Twenty Pounds and Thirty Pounds shall be repaid in case such Petition shall be refused.

Increase of Annuity to Widows.

III. And whereas it appears, upon a careful Examination of the State of the said Fund, that it is sufficient to allow the Addition after mentioned to be made to the Annuities payable to the Widows, and it is expedient and equitable that such Addition be made accordingly; be it enacted, That there shall be paid to the Widow of every Contributor now entitled to an Annuity of Seventy Pounds the further Sum of Five Pounds, being Seventy-five Pounds in all, and the

like Sum of Seventy-five Pounds to the Widow of every present and future Contributor; and to every Widow now entitled to an Annuity of Sixty-three Pounds the further Sum of Four Pounds Ten Shillings, being Sixty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings in all; and the Payment of the said increased Annuities shall commence on the Fifteenth Day of *May* next after the passing of this Act, any thing contained in the said last-mentioned Act to the contrary notwithstanding, and shall continue to be paid yearly in One Sum, or half-yearly by equal Portions, in Terms of and as directed by the said last-mentioned Act, but subject to all the Provisions, Conditions, and Declarations in that Act contained in reference to the said Annuity of Seventy Pounds payable at and before the passing of this Act.

Collector may rank for Arrears on sequestrated Estates of Contributors

IV. And be it enacted, That the Collector of the said Fund shall be entitled to rank on the sequestrated Estate of every Contributor whose Estate has been or shall hereafter be sequestrated, as a Creditor for the Arrears (if any) of the Annual Contributions or Taxes payable by such Contributor to the said Fund at the Date of such Sequestration, with the Interest, Penalties, and Expences thereon, and to accept the Dividend or Composition payable from such Estate; and it is hereby expressly provided and declared, that such Contributor shall, notwithstanding any Discharge that may be obtained by him under such Sequestration, make Payment to the Collector of the said Fund of all Annual Contributions or Rates or Taxes falling due and payable by him to the said Fund after the Date of such Sequestration, with the Interest, Penalties, and Expences (if any) that may arise thereon for which he shall remain liable, in the same Manner as if no such Discharge had been obtained; and it is hereby further expressly provided and declared, that in the event of such Contributor leaving a Widow entitled to an Annuity out of the said Fund, and not excluded therefrom by any Failure of Payment or otherwise by the Husband after the Date of his Sequestration, such Deduction shall be made from her said Annuity as shall be equal to the Sums due, or the Residue of the Sums due and not recovered from the Estate of such Contributor, and the Interest thereof, in the same Manner and under the same Provisions as the Sums due and unpaid at the Death of a Contributor, whether sequestrated or not, are to be paid to the Fund by the Widow, or recovered out of her Annuity, under the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act, over and above all Arrears of Annual Contributions or Rates or Taxes unpaid by the said Contributor falling due subsequent to his Sequestration, with Interest, Penalties, and Expences arising thereon.

Former Act to remain in force.

V. And be it enacted, That the said last-mentioned Act shall remain in full Force, except in so far as altered, amended, or explained by the present Act.

Expence of Act how to be defrayed.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Expences incurred in obtaining this Act, and preparatory thereto, shall be paid by the Trustees out of the Fund under their Management in virtue of the said last-mentioned Act and this Act.

VII. And

Public Act.

VII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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