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GEORGII III. REGIS.

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An Act to settle and secure an Annuity on Lord *Walsingham*, in consideration of his Services as Chairman of the Committees of the House of Lords. [23d March 1815.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,
WHEREAS His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, acting in the Name and on the Behalf of Your Majesty, by His most Gracious Message to Your Majesty's faithful Commons, hath been pleased to declare, that having taken into His serious Consideration the Ability, Integrity, Impartiality, and indefatigable Industry, with which the Lord *Walsingham* has discharged the weighty and important Duties of Chairman of the Committees of the House of Lords, and of the Private Committees of the same, for these Twenty Years last past, and regretting the Misfortune of his Lordship's Inability from Infirmity any longer to execute the Duties of that important Office, recommended to Your faithful Commons to consider of a proper Method of enabling Your Majesty to grant to the Lord *Walsingham* an Annuity of Two thousand Pounds: Now we Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom in Parliament assembled, duly considering Your Majesty's most Gracious Intention, 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

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liament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That one Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum of Two thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain* shall be issuing and payable out of and charged and chargeable upon the Consolidated Fund of *Great Britain* (after paying or reserving sufficient to pay all such Sum and Sums of Money as have been directed by any former Act or Acts of Parliament to be paid out of the same, but with Preference to all other Payments which shall or may hereafter be charged upon or payable out of the said Fund), and the same shall from Time to Time be paid Quarterly, free and clear of all Taxes and Deductions whatsoever, to the said Lord *Walsingham*, for and during his natural Life; which said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum shall commence and take effect from the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen; the First Payment to be computed from the said Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, until the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and from thenceforth shall be paid and payable at the Four usual Days of Payment in the Year; that is to say, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, the Tenth Day of *October*, and the Fifth Day of *January*, in each and every Year, by even and equal Portions.

Warrants to
be issued by
the Treasury
for the Pay-
ment.

II. And it is hereby further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury now being, and the High Treasurer and Under Treasurer of the Exchequer, and Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands, to direct the Auditor of the Receipt of the Exchequer now and for the Time being to make forth and pass Debentures from Time to Time, for paying the said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum of Two thousand Pounds in Manner as aforesaid, and as the same shall from Time to Time become due and payable, without any Fees or Charges to be demanded or taken for paying the same or any Part thereof; which said Warrant, and the Debentures to be made forth and passed thereupon, shall be a sufficient Authority to the several and respective Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer now and for the Time being, for the Payment of the said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum to the said Lord *Walsingham* at the respective quarterly Feast Days in this Act before appointed for Payment thereof, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for, had, or obtained in that Behalf.

Not to be
revocable.

III. And it is hereby further enacted, That after signing of such Warrant the same shall be good, valid, and effectual in Law according to the Purport and true Meaning thereof and of this Act, and shall not be determinable or revocable by or upon the Demise of His Majesty, (whom God long preserve), or of any of His Heirs or Successors, or by or upon the Death or Removal of any of the said Commissioners of the Treasury, or the Lord High Treasurer, or by or upon the Determination of the Power, Office or Offices of them, or any of them.

No Fees to
be charged.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners of the Treasury now being, and the High Treasurer of the Treasury for the Time being, Chancellor and Under Treasurer, Chamberlains and Barons of the Exchequer, and all other the Officers and Ministers of the Court of Exchequer and of the Receipt thereof, now and for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby authorized and strictly enjoined and required to do without Fee

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or Reward all such Acts, Matters, and Things as are herein-before directed and required, or shall be necessary to be done and performed by them, or any or either of them, in order to render this Act and the several Payments hereby directed effectual.

V. And be it enacted, That the Acquittance or Acquittances, Receipt or Receipts of the said Lord *Walsingham* shall be a good and sufficient Discharge for the Payment of the said Annuity or yearly Sum, without any further or other Warrant to be sued for or obtained in that Behalf; and that the said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum, and every Part thereof, shall be free and clear from all Taxes, Impositions, and other Charges whatsoever; and in case any of the Officers of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer shall refuse or neglect to pay the said Annuity or yearly Rent or Sum, or any Part thereof, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or to do any Act necessary to enable the said Lord *Walsingham* to receive the same, then the said Lord *Walsingham* may from Time to Time sue, prosecute, and implead such Officers, or any of them, their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, by Bill, Plaint, or Action of Debt, and shall and may recover Judgement, and sue out Executions thereupon, against such Officers respectively, their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, for so much of such Sum or Sums of Money then due and owing upon the said Annuity, yearly Rent or Sum, or any Part thereof, as shall have been in the Hands of the Officer or Officers of the Receipt of the Exchequer at the Time or Times when Demands shall have been legally made of the Payment of the said Annuity, yearly Rent or Sum, or any Part thereof as aforesaid, or for the Refusal or Neglect to do any Act necessary to be done by such Officer or Officers respectively.

Acquittances of Lord *Walsingham* sufficient Discharge for the Payment.

