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An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Payment of Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* Hospital.

[30th July 1842.]

WHEREAS Two Acts were passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, severally intituled *An Act to amend an Act of His late Majesty King George the Second, for the Relief of the Out-Pensioners of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea*, and *An Act for the Relief of the Out-Pensioners of the Royal Hospital of Kilmainham*: And whereas an Act was also passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend several Acts relating to the Royal Hospitals for Soldiers at Chelsea and Kilmainham*: And whereas by the said Acts it was directed that the Payments to the Out-Pensioners should in future be made quarterly in advance; but such Payments in advance have in some Instances, through the Improvidence of the Pensioners, produced great Inconvenience, and it is therefore expedient that other Provisions should be made in relation to such Payments: Be it enacted by the Queen'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 the first Two recited Acts, and also so much of the last-recited Act as requires that Payments shall be made to the Out-Pensioners of the remaining Number of Days of the current Quarter upon Admission, and thereafter in advance

55 G.3.c.125.

55 G.3.c.136.

7 G.4. c. 16.

Repeal of Two first-recited Acts and Part of last-recited Act.

advance in quarterly Payments, shall be repealed, but not so as to revive or give Effect to any Act or Part of any Act repealed by the Acts herein repealed or either of them.

Regulations
for Payment
of Out-Pensioners.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the First Day of *October* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-two it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital for the Time being, with the Advice and Consent of the Secretary at War and of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to make such Regulations in relation to the Payment in advance to Out-Pensioners of the said Royal Hospital, upon their first Admission on the Pension List, of any such Proportions of their Pensions at the Time of Admission as they shall see fit; and the Secretary at War, with the Advice and Consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall be authorized to direct all subsequent Payments of such Pensions to be made either quarterly, monthly, or weekly in advance accordingly, as shall appear to him best calculated for the Advantage of the Pensioner and the Interests of the Public: Provided always, that if at the Time of the Death of any Out-Pensioner any Part of the Pension of the then current Quarter shall have been unpaid, the same, or so much thereof as shall remain after Payment of his Funeral Expences, shall be accounted for and paid to such Person as the said Pensioner shall have appointed to receive the same by any Writing under his Hand, made and delivered in such Form and Manner as shall be directed from Time to Time by the Secretary at War, and in default of such Appointment shall be accounted for and paid to such Person as, by reason of Kindred, or as a Creditor, or otherwise, shall appear to the Secretary at War best entitled thereunto; and no such Appointment shall be liable to any Stamp Duty, nor shall any Probate of Will or Letters of Administration be needed on making such Payment under the Authority of the Secretary at War.

Pensions,
how to be
paid.

III. And whereas the more frequent Payment of the Pensioners can be better and more regularly made by Officers on Half Pay, or others appointed or to be appointed for that Purpose by the Secretary at War, with the Consent of the Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury; be it enacted, That in every Part or District of the United Kingdom for which the Secretary at War, with the Consent aforesaid, shall have appointed any Officer on Half Pay or other Person to pay the Pensions, the Payment of all Pensions, Allowances, and Relief granted or to be granted to disabled, invalid, and discharged Soldiers, payable in that District, shall be made by the Officer or other Person so appointed, under such Regulations as shall be made by the Secretary at War.

Sums needed
for Pensions,
how to be
obtained.

IV. And be it enacted, That whenever Advances of Money shall be required by the Officers or Persons so appointed, for the Payment of the Pensioners, or for other Disbursements connected with their several Duties, the Secretary at War for the Time being shall certify under his Hand to the Lords and others, Commissioners of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, the Sum or Sums of Money which shall be respectively required for the Purposes aforesaid, and the Names of the Officers to whom and of the Districts in which the Issue is to be made;

made ; and the said Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital shall thereupon direct the Agent for the Payment of Out-Pensions of the said Hospital to make such Advance or Issue accordingly, or to repay any Advances which may have been made for this Purpose by Revenue Officers or others under the Authority after mentioned.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury aforesaid to order and direct that any Sum or Sums of Money required by the said Officers as aforesaid for Payment of the Pensioners in the several Districts under their Charge shall be paid by any Receiver General of the Land Tax or Collector of the Cess in *Scotland*, or any Collector of Duties of Customs or Excise, or any Collector of the Duties under the Management of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes, or any other public Officers, out of any public Money in their Hands respectively, and that the Vouchers and Receipts of the said Officers for the Payment of such Money shall be taken as Cash in the Accounts and in part of the Duties collected by such Receivers General or Collectors or other public Officers respectively ; and all such Sums of Money so advanced under any such Rule or Regulation for any such Payment shall be, by the Agent for the Payment of Out-Pensions for the Time being, repaid to the Account of the Duties out of which the same shall have been paid, or in such other Manner as the said Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall direct.

Public Officers may advance Money for Pensions.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners for auditing the public Accounts shall give Allowance in the Account of the Agent for paying the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* Hospital of all such Sums advanced by him on Certificates of the Secretary at War to the Officers or others to be so appointed, upon Production of the Warrants of the Commissioners for the Affairs of *Chelsea* Hospital, of the above-mentioned Certificates, and of the Receipts of those Officers, without other Account or Vouchers for such Advances, the detailed Application of which is to be accounted for to the Secretary at War according to such Rules and Instructions as shall be laid down by him for that Purpose, with the Consent of the Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Accounts of Pensions how to be audited.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in every Part of the United Kingdom or elsewhere for which no such Officer or other Person shall have been appointed as aforesaid by the Secretary at War the Payments of Pensions shall take place and be accounted for in all respects as if this Act had not been passed.

Other Pensions to be paid as before this Act.

VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

Act may be amended this Session.

