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## Cap. 54.

An Act for making further Provision for the Clerks in the Office of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, after a certain Length of Service. [20th April 1812.]

**W**HEREAS under and by virtue of an Act passed in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to empower the High Court of Chancery to lay out a further Sum of the Suitors Money, upon proper Securities, and for applying the Interest towards discharging the Expences of the Office of the Accountant General, and for building Offices for the Masters in Ordinary in Chancery, and a Public Office for the Suitors of the said Court, and Offices for the Secretaries of Bankrupts and Lunatics, and for building Repositories for securing the Title Deeds of the Suitors of the said Court, and the Records and Proceedings of the Commissioners of Bankrupts and Lunatics, and of the several Acts in the said Act mentioned, divers Sums of Money have been, by virtue of the several Orders of the said Court made for that Purpose, taken out of the common and general Cash belonging to the Suitors of the said Court of Chancery, which lay dead and unemployed in the Bank of England, and have been placed out in the Name of the Accountant General of the said Court, on Government or Parliamentary Securities, and such Government or Parliamentary Securities have been, in pursuance of the said Act passed in the Thirty-second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, carried to an Account, intituled *An Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit and better Security of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery, and out of the Dividends and* 32 G. 3. c. 42.*

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Interest of the Securities purchased in pursuance of the said several Acts of Parliament, the several annual Sums and Salaries, and the several other Payments thereby directed to be made and paid; and also the several other Payments directed to be made, by Two several Acts of the Forty-sixth

46G. 3. c. 128. Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, one of them, intituled *An Act for making Provision for such Masters in Ordinary of the High Court of Chancery, as from Age or Infirmity shall be desirous of resigning their Offices, with the Approbation of the said Court, and for augmenting the Income of the Masters in Ordinary of the said Court*; and the other of such Acts, intituled

46G. 3. c. 129. *An Act to provide additional Salaries for the present Clerks in the Office of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and to provide additional Clerks for the said Office with Salaries, and to make other Payments in respect of the said Office*; and by an Act of the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of

49G. 3. c. 69. His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for making Provision for such of the Sub Registrars or Deputy Registrars of the High Court of Chancery, as from Age or Infirmity shall be afflicted with permanent Disability, and be incapacitated for the due Execution of their Office, and for making further Provision for the Two Seniors of the said Registrars, for the Clerks in the Register's Office, for the Master of the Report Office, and for providing additional Clerks in the Report Office of the said Court, and for making other Payments and Regulations in respect of the said Offices*; and by an Act of the Fiftieth Year

50G. 3. c. 164. of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for building certain Offices for the Examiners, Cursitors, Clerk of the Crown, and Clerks of the Petty Bag of the High Court of Chancery; and for making certain Regulations in the Examiners Office of the said Court, and for making Provision for such of the Examiners, Deputy Examiners and Clerks, as from length of Service, or from Age and Infirmity, are or shall be incapacitated for the due Execution of their Office, and for making Provision for other Officers of the said Court, and for making other Payments in respect of the said Offices*, have been from Time to Time made and paid, and the surplus Interest and annual Produce arising from the said Securities, beyond what was sufficient to answer the Purposes of the said several Acts, and also the Interest produced from the Securities purchased with such surplus Interest and annual Produce, have been from Time to Time, in pursuance of the said first and last-mentioned Acts, laid out in the Purchase of Government or Parliamentary Securities, in the Name of the Accountant General of the said Court, and placed to the Credit of an Account, intituled *Account of Securities purchased with surplus Interest arising from Securities, carried to an Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit and better Security of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery*: And whereas by the said last-mentioned Act it was among other Things enacted, that out of the Cash belonging to the Suitors of the said Court of Chancery, which then lay or which should then after lie dead and unemployed in the Bank of England, a Sum not exceeding Two hundred thousand Pounds should and might, by virtue of an Order or Orders of the said Court to be made for that Purpose from Time to Time be placed out in one entire Sum or in Parcels, in the Name of the Accountant General of the said Court of Chancery, according to the general Rules and Orders of the said Court, on such Government or Parliamentary Securities as in and by such Orders should be directed, to the Intent that the Interest and annual Produce arising from the Money so to be placed out, might be applied for the Purposes therein-after mentioned, and that all such Government or Parliamentary Security or Securities when purchased, should be carried to the said Account,

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intituled *Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit and better Security of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery*: And whereas under and by virtue of an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled *An Act to empower the High Court of Chancery to lay out upon proper Securities, any Monies not exceeding a Sum therein limited, out of the common and general Cash in the Bank of England, belonging to the Suitors of the said Court, for the Ease of the said Suitors, by applying the Interest arising therefrom for answering the Charges of the Office of the Accountant General of the said Court*: And by another Act passed in the Fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to empower the High Court of Chancery to lay out, upon proper Securities, a further Sum of Money not exceeding a Sum therein limited, out of the common and general Cash in the Bank of England, belonging to the Suitors of the said Court, and for applying the Interest arising therefrom towards answering the Charges of the Office of the Accountant General of the said Court*: And by another Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to empower the High Court of Chancery to lay out upon Government Securities, a further Sum of Money not exceeding a Sum therein limited, out of the common and general Cash in the Bank of England, belonging to the Suitors of the said Court, and to apply the Interest arising therefrom towards answering the Charges of the Office of the Accountant General of the said Court*: And by the above mentioned Acts of the Thirty-second and Forty-sixth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, and of several Orders of the High Court of Chancery made in pursuance of the said several Acts, the present Clerks in the Office of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, have and receive, out of the Interest and Dividends of the Government or Parliamentary Securities carried to the said Account, intituled *Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit and better Security of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery*, and out of the Interest and Dividends of the Government or Parliamentary Securities carried to the said Account, intituled *Account of Securities purchased with Surplus Interest arising from Securities, carried to an Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit and better Security of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery*, the several Payments and Sums herein-after mentioned, namely, the First Clerk the Yearly Sum of Five hundred Pounds, the Second Clerk the Yearly Sum of Four hundred Pounds, the Third Clerk the Yearly Sum of Four hundred Pounds, the Fourth Clerk the Yearly Sum of Four hundred Pounds, the Fifth Clerk the Yearly Sum of Three hundred Pounds, the Sixth Clerk the Yearly Sum of Three hundred Pounds, the Seventh Clerk the Yearly Sum of Three hundred Pounds, the Eighth Clerk the Yearly Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds, the Ninth Clerk the Yearly Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds, the Tenth Clerk the Yearly Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds, and the Eleventh Clerk the Yearly Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds: And whereas since the passing of the said last-mentioned Act, the Business of the said Accountant General's Office of the Court of Chancery is greatly increased, and is annually increasing: And whereas owing to the great Increase in the necessary Expences of Living, the Incomes provided by the said Acts for the Clerks in the said Office are greatly reduced in Value, and they have not the Means of making any Provision for themselves in their advanced Age or for their Families thereout; and considering the Nature of their Employment, it is reasonable, that after a long Series of Years spent in the Service of the Suitors of the said Court, some Provision



The Lord Chancellor may order an Annuity to Clerks after Thirty Years of Service, and to Clerks becoming infirm, after Fifteen Years of Service.

Provision should be made for them: 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 it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, or the Lord Keeper, or the Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of *Great Britain* for the Time being, by any Order or Orders of the High Court of Chancery, to be made from Time to Time on a Petition presented to him or them for that Purpose by the Accountant General, or any of the Clerks in his said Office, to order such an Annuity or clear yearly Sum of Money to be paid to any Clerk, who shall have acted in the Capacity of Clerk in the said Office for the Space of Thirty Years, or who having acted in the Capacity of Clerk in the said Office for the Space of Fifteen Years, shall be rendered incapable of performing the Duties of a Clerk in the said Office through permanent Illness or Infirmary, as the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners shall think fit and see Occasion, not exceeding the yearly Salary payable to such Clerk at the Time of making such Application; the same to be paid out of the Interest and Dividends arising from Securities purchased and to be purchased in pursuance of the said several Acts or any of them; in which Order or Orders the Cause or Ground of making the same shall be distinctly stated and specified, and the Annuity or yearly Sum mentioned in such Order or Orders shall be paid by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, out of the Interest and Dividends of the said Government or Parliamentary Securities (but subject and without Prejudice to the Payment of all Salaries and other Sums of Money which by the several Acts herein-before mentioned or referred to, or any other Act heretofore made and passed, are directed or authorized to be paid thereout) by even and equal Quarterly Payments, on the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October* in every Year, to the Clerk named in such Order, from the Time therein to be mentioned, for and during the Term of his natural Life, together with a proportionable Part thereof up to the Time of his Decease.

Clerks may be removed as heretofore.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be deemed or taken to prevent or hinder any present or future Clerk in the said Office from being removed or displaced at any Time, in such Manner, and by such Authority as Clerks in the said Office can now be removed or displaced.

Clerks to be appointed in the Place of such as shall receive an Annuity.

III. And be it further enacted, That in the Place of any Clerk to whom any Annuity or Yearly Sum shall be ordered to be paid in pursuance of this Act, some other Person of sufficient Ability shall be appointed a Clerk in the said Office, in the Manner and by the Authority in and by which the Clerks in the said Office have heretofore been appointed.

Power to purchase Land, &c. and to enlarge the Buildings used for Offices and Repositories, &c.

IV. And whereas by the said Act, made and passed in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, it was enacted, (amongst other Things) that, out of the Dividends and Interest of the Securities to be purchased in pursuance of the said Act, there should be paid by virtue of any Order or Orders of the Court of Chancery, to be made for that Purpose, the Expences of preparing and passing the said Act, and certain yearly Sums to the Clerks of the said Accountant General therein mentioned;



tioned; and then such Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds, as the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, the Lord Keeper, or the Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of *Great Britain* for the Time being, should, by any Order or Orders of the said Court, direct to be applied in purchasing Ground for, and in building and completing the Offices and Repositories therein after directed to be built and completed; and such further Sums of Money, either yearly or in gross, as should be necessary for keeping such Offices and Repositories, and also the Offices of the Registrar and the Accountant General in Repair, and for insuring all the said Offices and Repositories, from Fire; and it was thereby further enacted, that under the Direction of the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, or the Lord Keeper, or the Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of *Great Britain* for the Time being, by any Order or Orders of the Court of Chancery to be made for that Purpose, proper and convenient Offices for the said Masters in Ordinary in Chancery and their Clerks, for the Secretaries of Bankrupts and Lunatics and their Clerks, and safe and secure Repositories for the Deeds, Books, Papers and Writings of and belonging to the Suitors of the said Court, delivered or to be delivered to the said Masters in Ordinary in Chancery, and the Records, Proceedings, Deeds, Books, Papers and Writings delivered or to be delivered to or left in the Custody of the said Secretaries of Bankrupts and Lunatics respectively, together with a Public Office for the Suitors of the said Court of Chancery, in the Stead or Place of the then Public Office, should be built and made fit for the Reception of the said Masters and Secretaries, and the Transaction of their respective Business therein; and that for those Purposes a proper Piece of Ground should be purchased and such Houses or Buildings as might be upon such Ground; and that the Ground and Houses so to be purchased should be from Time to Time conveyed to, and the same were thereby declared to be vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Purposes of the said Act; and it was thereby further enacted, that it should and might be lawful to and for the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, or the Lord Keeper, or the Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, for the Time being, from Time to Time, by any Order of the said High Court of Chancery, to apply such Sum or Sums of Money as should be necessary in keeping the said Offices and Repositories so to be built and completed as aforesaid, and the Offices of the Registrar and Accountant General, in good and sufficient Repair, and in insuring the same Premises respectively from Damage by Fire: And whereas in pursuance of the said Act, a Piece of Ground situate on the South Side of a Street called *Southampton Buildings*, in the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, hath been purchased, and Offices for the said Masters in Ordinary in Chancery and their Clerks, and for the said Secretaries of Bankrupts and Lunatics and their Clerks, and Repositories for the Deeds, Books, Papers and Writings of and belonging to the Suitors of the said Court, together with a Public Office for the Suitors of the said Court, have been built and made fit for the Reception of the said Masters and Secretaries, and the Transaction of their respective Business therein; and the said Offices and Repositories, and also the said Offices of the Registrar and the Accountant General have been kept in Repair out of the Dividends and Interest of the Securities herein-before mentioned: And whereas from the Increase of Business, it may be

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necessary to make some Additions to, or Alterations in the said Offices and Repositories, and to purchase some Buildings and Pieces of Ground adjoining or near thereto, in order to render the same more convenient for the Transaction of Business therein, and more secure from Damage by Fire; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for the said Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, or the Lord Keeper or the Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, from Time to Time, by any Order or Orders of the said Court of Chancery, to order any Additions or Alterations to be made to or in the said Offices and Repositories, built in pursuance of the said recited Act of the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and the said Offices of the Registrar and the Accountant General; and also to order any Piece or Pieces of Ground adjoining or near to the said Offices, or any of them, with or without any Buildings thereon, to be purchased, and the Buildings (if any) on such Piece or Pieces of Ground when purchased, to be pulled down, as he or they shall think fit or see Occasion; and all such Piece or Pieces of Ground so to be purchased, shall be conveyed to, and the same are hereby declared to be vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the Purposes of the said recited Act and of this Act.

The Money to be laid out in the Improvements, not to exceed Five Hundred Pounds a Year.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, from Time to Time, by any Order or Orders of the said Court of Chancery, to apply any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, in any One Year, in making any such Additions or Alterations as herein-before mentioned, or in the Purchase of any such Piece or Pieces of Ground, as herein-before mentioned, and in pulling down the Buildings, if any thereon; and all such Sum and Sums of Money (not exceeding the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, in any One Year) as the said Lord High Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners shall from Time to Time order to be applied for the Purposes aforesaid, or any of them, shall, by virtue of any Order or Orders of the said Court, for the Purpose, be paid by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, (but subject and without Prejudice as aforesaid), out of the Dividends and Interest of the Government or Parliamentary Securities, purchased and to be purchased in pursuance of the Acts herein-before recited, mentioned or referred to, or any of them.

Power for incapacitated Persons to sell Houses, &c.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations aggregate or sole, and for all Executors or Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees and other Trustees whatsoever, for and on behalf of themselves their Heirs and Successors, and also for Tenants for Life of Estates in Settlement, if of Age, other than Females Covert, and for the Guardians for such Tenants for Life as may be Infants, and the Husbands of such Tenants for Life as may be Females Covert, for and on behalf of themselves, and all Infants, Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Females Covert, or under any other Disability, and also for Persons who are or shall be seized or possessed of, or interested in any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Easements or Privileges which may be thought proper and convenient to be purchased for the Purposes and in pursuance of this Act, to treat, contract, and agree for the Sale of all and every such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements,



Tenements, Hereditaments, Easements and Privileges for the Purposes aforesaid, and to grant, sell and convey the same for the Purposes aforesaid; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Sales and Conveyances which shall be so made, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, any Law, Statute, Usage, Settlement, Will, Custom, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations aggregate or sole, Trustees, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, and all other Persons whomsoever, are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue or in pursuance of this Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporation, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or other incapacitated Person or Persons, such Money shall, if the same amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, according to the general Rules and Orders of the said Court, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition, to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith, to the same or like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing, undetermined, and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General, in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the mean Time and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall, from Time to Time, be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would, for the Time being, have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

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VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then, and in all such Cases, the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy, or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing, under his or their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid at the like Option, to Two or more Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, (such Nomination to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating Parties), in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining, or being required to obtain, the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

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IX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed to be paid as next before mentioned, shall be less than the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases, the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would, for the Time being, have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as they shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

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X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest, in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; and the Dividends and Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

XI. Provided



XI. Provided also, and be it further enacted; That where, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases, from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid out of the Interest and Dividends of the said Government or Parliamentary Securities purchased and to be purchased as aforesaid, in the same Manner as the Expences of building the said Offices and Repositories are hereby directed to be paid.

Court of Chancery may order Expences of Purchases to be paid.

XII. And be it further enacted, That out of the Interest and Dividends of the said Government or Parliamentary Securities purchased and to be purchased as aforesaid, the Expences incurred in procuring and passing this Act, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of all Proceedings had or to be had in consequence thereof, shall be paid by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, by virtue of an Order or Orders of the High Court of Chancery to be made for that Purpose.

Expences of this Act provided for.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Surplus Interest and annual Produce which shall arise from the Money placed out and to be placed out on Securities pursuant to the several Acts of Parliament therein and herein-before mentioned or referred to, or any of them, beyond what shall be sufficient to answer the Purposes of the said Acts and the Purposes of this Act, shall from Time to Time be placed out on Government or Parliamentary Securities, and shall be placed to the Credit of the said Account raised in pursuance of the said Act of the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and intituled *Account of Securities purchased with Surplus Interest arising from Securities carried to an Account of Monies placed out for the Benefit and better Security of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery*; and which Fund shall be applied to answer the Demands of the said Suitors of the said Court of Chancery in case it shall at any Time be necessary to call in any of the Money of the said Suitors which hath been or may be placed out on Securities.

For placing out Surplus Monies on Securities.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, or Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of *Great Britain* for the Time being, by any Order or Orders of the said Court of Chancery, to change the Security or Securities, or any Part of the Securities purchased or to be purchased pursuant to the several Acts of Parliament herein-before mentioned or referred to, or pursuant to this Act.

Securities may be changed.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That for and notwithstanding any of the Provisions contained in this Act, if at any Time hereafter the Whole or any Part of the Money placed out pursuant to the said several Acts of Parliament or any of them, or to be placed out in pursuance of this Act, shall be wanted to answer any of the Demands of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery, then and in such Case the said

If further Money wanted, the High Court of Chancery may call in Securities.



Court may and shall direct the Whole or any Part of such Money to be called in, and the Securities in which the same and the Surplus Interest and Dividends herein-before mentioned shall be placed, to be sold and disposed of, in order that the Suitors of the said Court may at all Times be paid their respective Demands out of the common and general Cash belonging to such Suitors.

This Act not  
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XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice, delay, hinder, or prevent, any Reform or Abolition of all or any of the Offices herein mentioned, by any Person or Persons having Authority to reform or abolish the same.

Public Act.

XVII. And be it further 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, without being specially pleaded.

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