

## ANNO PRIMO & SECUNDO

## GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

Cap. xlvii.

An Act for repealing, altering, enlarging, and amending certain Provisions of an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled An Act for the Incorporation of the Highland Society of London, for the better Management of the Funds of the Society, and for rendering its Exertions more extensive and beneficial to the Public.

[23d August 1831.]

HEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled An Act for the Incorporation of the Highland 56G.3.c.20. Society of London, for the better Management of the Funds of the Society, and for rendering its Exertions more extensive and beneficial to the Public: And whereas it was by the said recited Act enacted, that all Persons desirous of becoming Members of the said Society should be proposed at one of the General or Special General Meetings of the same, or at a Meeting of the Committee of Directors, and at no other Time, by Two Members of the said Society, who should insert in a Book to be kept for that Purpose the Name and Place of Abode of such Person, together with their own Names; and that each of the Persons so proposed should be severally put in Nomination at the [Local.]

next ensuing General or Special General Court, and that the Members then present should proceed to a Ballot, and such Person should be declared to be duly elected as should appear to be approved of by Three Parts in Four of the Members ballotting, and should before his Admission pay into the Hands of one of the Treasurers of the said Society the Sum of Twenty-six Pounds Five Shillings; provided always, that if in any Case it should be the unanimous Desire of the Members present at such Election that the Ballot should be dispensed with, and that the Person then in Nomination should be elected a Member of the said Society, such Person so elected should be deemed and taken to have been elected by Ballot, and should be admitted a Member of the said Society on Payment of the Sum aforesaid: And whereas many desirable and otherwise well-qualified Individuals have been deterred from becoming Members of the said Society, and thereby contributing to the useful and charitable Purposes for which it was formed, by the heavy Payment required by the said recited Act on the Admittance of Members thereof: And whereas it was by the said Act enacted, that the President of the said Society, or in his Absence One or more of the Vice Presidents or of the Treasurers, with any Twelve or more of the Members of the said Corporation, or in the Absence of the President all the Vice Presidents and Treasurers, any Fifteen or more of the Members of the said Corporation, should compose a General Court: And whereas many of the Members of the said Corporation reside Abroad or in distant Parts of the Country, and it has frequently been found to be inconvenient and difficult to obtain the Attendance of a sufficient Number of Members of the said Corporation, in addition to that of the President or a Vice President or Treasurer, to form a General Court, pursuant to the Provisions of the said recited Act; and the Business of the Corporation has been thereby delayed: And whereas it is expedient that so much of the said recited Act as applies to the Sum of Money to be paid hereafter by Persons on their Admission as Members of the said Society, and to the Number of Members requisite to compose a General Court, should be repealed, and other and more effectual Provisions granted instead thereof: 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 Parlia-Certain Parts ment assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That upon the of recited Act First Day of September next after the passing of this Act such Parts of the said recited Act of the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third as require the Payment into the Hands of one of the Treasurers of the said Corporation of the Sum of Twenty-six Pounds Five Shillings by such Persons as shall be declared duly elected, according to the Directions and Provisions of the said recited Act, Members of the said Corporation; and also such Parts of the said recited Act as enact that the President of the said Society, or in his Absence One or more of the Vice Presidents or of the Treasurers, with any Twelve or more of the Members of the said Corporation, or in the Absence of the President all the Vice Presidents and Treasurers, any Fifteen or more of the Members of the said Corporation, should compose a General Court; shall be and the same are hereby declared to be repealed accordingly.

II. And

repealed.

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II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day Members at of September next after the passing of this Act the Members of the said Corporation assembled at any General Court, or the major Part of them so assembled, shall have full Power and Authority, in the Name of the Corporation, from Time to Time by Resolution to direct and declare the Sum to be paid by Persons who shall be elected Members of the said Corporation previous to their Admission thereto, and that the same shall be paid into the Hands of one of the Treasurers of the said Corporation for the Purposes of the said recited Act: Provided always, that if and so often as the Sum so directed Proviso. to be paid shall be less than the Sum of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings, such Resolution shall not in any such Case take effect unless the same shall be agreed to and confirmed by the Two next succeeding regular General Courts.

a General Court to determine what Sum shall be paid previous to Admission.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the said First What Mem-Day of September next after the passing of this Act the President of bers shall the said Corporation, or in his Absence One or more of the Vice Pre- compose a General sidents or of the Treasurers or of the Auditors, with any Seven or Court. more Members of the said Corporation, of whom Two at the least shall be Directors, or, in the Absence of the President, all the Vice Presidents, Treasurers, and Auditors, any Twenty or more of the Members of the said Corporation, of whom Three at the least shall be Directors, shall compose a General Court, and be vested with all the Powers, Authorities, Privileges, and Rights vested by the said recited Act in the General Courts of the said Corporation.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and Public Act. 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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