

ance of these Resolutions, and before the 10th day of October 1853, signify to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or to the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, by an entry to be made in books to be opened for such purpose, his desire to commute and exchange any or all of the said Annuities to which he may be entitled, into any one or more of the said New L.3:10s. per Centum Annuities, New L.2:10s. per Centum Annuities or Exchequer Bonds, shall be permitted to make such commutation and exchange upon the same terms and subject to the like conditions as are granted to the person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, interested in or entitled to the Capital Stocks of L.3 per Centum Annuities proposed to be paid off and redeemed as aforesaid."

10. "That nothing herein contained shall extend to authorise the commutation of the said Consolidated L.3 per Centum Annuities, or the said Reduced L.3 per Centum Annuities, into the said New L.2:10s. per Centum Annuities, after the amount entered for commutation into such New L.2:10s. per Centum Annuities in the said books of the Bank of England and Bank of Ireland, shall have reached the sum of Thirty Millions; and that the power of commutation of the said L.3 per Centum Stocks shall thereafter be limited to the two other options hereinbefore given; that is to say—The option of exchange for L.3:10s. per Centum Annuities, and the option of exchange for Exchequer Bonds."

11. "That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury be authorised and empowered to issue at any time between the 5th of April 1853 and the 5th of April 1854, Exchequer Bonds payable to bearer, upon the like terms and conditions as hereinbefore described, and after public notice in the London Gazette, from time to time to sell such Exchequer Bonds, or any part thereof, and to apply the proceeds in redeeming any part of the Capital Trading Stock or Capital Stock of Annuities now proposed to be paid off and redeemed, or in purchasing and cancelling any Exchequer Bills, or in exchanging such Bonds for Exchequer Bills, upon such terms as the said Commissioners shall think proper, or in purchasing and cancelling any of the Consolidated L.3 per Centum Annuities, or Reduced L.3 per Centum Annuities, payable at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland, as the case may be."

12. "That the interest on such Exchequer Bonds shall be charged and chargeable on the said Consolidated Fund."

13. "That no amount of such Exchequer Bonds shall be issued exceeding in the whole the sum of Thirty Millions."

14. "That it shall be lawful for the Accountant-General of the Courts of Chancery in England and Ireland respectively, and for the Accountant in Bankruptcy in England, at any time before the 3d day of June 1853, to signify to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or to the Corporation of the Governor and Company of the Merchants of Great Britain trading to the South Seas and other parts of America, and for encouraging the Fishery, on behalf of any suitor or suitors, or others interested in any such L.3 per Centum Annuities hereinbefore referred to as are proposed to be paid off and redeemed, standing in the names of such Accountants-General and Accountant respectively, their assent to accept and receive shares in the said New L.3:10s. per Centum Annuities, or New L.2:10s. per Centum Annuities, or Ex-

chequer Bonds, in lieu of all such L.3 per Centum Annuities standing in their names respectively; and the said Accountants-General and Accountant respectively, shall be fully indemnified against all actions, suits, and proceedings for and in respect of any action, matter, or thing done by them respectively in pursuance thereof."

15. "That all executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees interested in or entitled to any part of the said Capital Trading Stock, or of the Capital Stock of the Old South Sea L.3 per Centum Annuities, of the New South Sea L.3 per Centum Annuities, of the L.3 per Centum Annuities created by the Act 12th George the First, of the L.3 per Centum Annuities created by the Act 24th George the Second, of the Consolidated L.3 per Centum Bank Annuities, and of the Reduced L.3 per Centum Bank Annuities, whether payable at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland, as the case may be, who shall signify their desire to convert the Annuities to which they may be respectively interested into any of the New L.3:10s. per Centum Annuities, New L.2:10s. per Centum Annuities, or Exchequer Bonds, shall be indemnified."

Resolutions agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Speaker do give Notice, in the manner required by the Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty the sum of two millions one hundred thousand pounds, to be raised by Annuities and a Lottery, and charged on the Sinking Fund redeemable by Parliament," that the Capital Stock of the said Annuities will be paid off and redeemed.

Ordered, That Mr Speaker do give Notice to the Corporation of the Governor and Company of Merchants of Great Britain, trading to the South Seas and to other parts of America, and for encouraging the Fishery, that the Capital Trading Stock of the said Corporation, and the Capital Stocks of Old South Sea Annuities and New South Sea Annuities will be paid off and redeemed.

I do hereby give notice accordingly, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act passed in the 24th year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty the sum of two millions one hundred thousand pounds, to be raised by Annuities and a Lottery, and charged on the sinking Fund redeemable by Parliament, that the Capital Stock of the said Annuities will be paid off and redeemed in the manner specified in the foregoing Resolutions.

CHARLES SHAW LEFEVRE, Speaker.

TREASURY WARRANT.

Whereas by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time, and at any time after the passing of that Act, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage or inland postage, payable by law on the transmission by the Post of Foreign or Colonial letters, or newspapers, or of any other printed papers.

And whereas a communication is about to be established, by Canadian packet-boats, between British North America and the United Kingdom.