

" and made Oath that he was admitted an Out-  
 " Pensioner of Chelsea Hospital on the Day  
 " of 17 (or 18), from the Regiment  
 " of commanded by ; was then  
 " aged about Years: served in the Army  
 " Years; was discharged for  
 " and that he is no otherwise provided for by the  
 " Public but as a Pensioner of the said Hospital,  
 " at per Day, and now lives in the Parish of  
 " in the County of

" Sworn before me this Day of  
 " 18 "

The Affidavit, drawn according to the above Forma, sworn before, dated and attested by a Magistrate, is to be put up in a Cover, and sent by the General Post, directed thus: "To the Right Hon. the Paymaster-General of His Majesty's Land Forces, London," marking on the Cover, "Chelsea Pensioners' Affidavit;" and Counterparts or Duplicates of the said Affidavits are to be reserved by the Out Pensioners respectively, to be exhibited to such Persons as shall be directed to pay them, that they may be satisfied that all such as may claim Out-Pensions are the real Persons entitled to receive the same.

And to the End that the Commissioners for the Affairs of Chelsea Hospital may be satisfied that the Pensioners are the same Persons who have passed their Examination, it is hereby further directed, that such of them who have served in, and have been discharged from, any of the Regiments, or Independent Companies of Invalids, or Royal Veteran Battalions, are not to mention in their Affidavits such Regiment or Company of Invalids, or Royal Veteran Battalions, in which they served last, but the Regiment, Troop, or Corps of the Army from which they were first discharged and recommended, and received at Chelsea Hospital.

The Pensioners are particularly to take Notice, that the Half-yearly Payments after Midsummer, are regulated, as to the Place of Payment, by the Musters at Chelsea, or the Affidavits sent as above, after the Christmas preceding; and that the Christmas Payment is in the like Manner regulated by the Musters or Affidavits after the Midsummer preceding.

It is also ordered and directed, that no Person who shall change the Place of his Abode given in at his Muster, or specified in his Affidavit aforesaid, and who may apply for his Pension, (excepting to the Officers of Excise nearest such Place of Abode,) shall receive the same, unless it appears, by the Certificate of respectable Persons, that such Removal was through unavoidable Necessity, which he or they could not foresee or prevent.

And that if any Pensioner shall fraudulently attempt to receive a double Payment of the Pension, either at Chelsea or at different Places, he shall be struck off the Lists.

Lastly, it is notified, that none will be entered upon the Pay Lists of the said Hospital, or be entitled to receive any Benefit therefrom, who shall not act agreeably to these Orders and Directions, particularly in sending their Half-Yearly Affidavits to the Paymaster-General, as above directed, and to no other Office; which several of the Pensioners have of late either neglected to do, or sent them irregularly to other Departments.

G. AUST, Secretary and Registrar.

Stamp-Office, July 8, 1808.

Notice is hereby given, that by an Act, passed at the Close of the late Session of Parliament, the Stamp Duties on Deeds, Law Proceedings, and other written Instruments, and the Duties on Legacies and Successions to personal Estate upon Intestacies, now payable in Great Britain, are repealed from and after the 10th Day of October next, and other Duties are granted in lieu thereof, to commence immediately after that Day.

The new Duties are of the like Nature, and in general of the same Amount, with the present Duties; but a more precise and accurate Description is given of the Instruments on which they attach. There are some Duties altogether new, and some new in Amount; of which the principal ones are, *ad valorem* Duties on Conveyances upon the Sale of any Property, according to the Amount of the Purchase-Money; increased Duties on Promissory Notes allowed to be re-issued; and a Duty on Licences to be taken out Yearly by Bankers and others issuing such Promissory Notes. There is also a Duty on Policies of Insurance on Lives, and on Three or Four Law Proceedings, not now charged. The Duties on Mortgages for small Sums, and on Conveyances on the Sale of Property of small Value, are less than at present. The Duties are contained in a Schedule, in which the Instruments charged are classed and alphabetically arranged, with numerous References, so as to afford a complete Table of Duties in the most convenient and practical Form, and to supersede the Necessity of those Compilations to which the Profession of the Law and the Public have hitherto found it expedient to resort. The Schedule is also framed so as not to admit of an Abridgment that can be safely relied upon. The Commissioners therefore recommend it to the Profession, and others whom it may concern, to look only to the Schedule itself.

The Act contains special Provisions for securing the Duties on Conveyances on the Sale of Property, on Bills of Exchange, and Drafts on Bankers post-dated, or issued beyond Ten Miles from the Banker's Residence, and on Instruments relating to Copyhold Estates, which the Commissioners recommend to the Notice and Attention of Purchasers and Sellers, Attornies, Solicitors, Bankers, Stewards of Manors, and others, that they may not incur Penalties, which it will be the Duty of the Commissioners to enforce. The Provisions respecting Drafts on Bankers take effect after One Month from the passing of the Act.

#### LEGACY DUTY.

It being apprehended that many Persons may have neglected to pay the Duties on Legacies, and on Residues of personal Estate given by Will, or devolved to next of Kin upon Intestacies, within the Time prescribed by Law, through Ignorance or Inadvertence, or from accidental or unavoidable Causes; the Act authorizes the Commissioners to remit the Penalties which may have been incurred in such Cases, provided the Duty shall be paid on or before the 31st Day of January 1809. In giving Notice of this Provision of the Act, the Commissioners think it right also to state, that Prosecutions in the Exchequer will be instituted against those Persons who shall not take the Benefit of it, as