

retired from office before the passing of this Act, or who now or hereafter may wish to resign and retire from office, and that some provision should also be made for the Widows of Judges: Be it therefore further enacted, that whenever any one of the Justices and Judges of the several Courts of this Province shall, from any of the causes aforesaid, declare his wish to resign and retire from office, or that it may have become expedient for the public service he should so retire, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, to award and grant by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Province, to any such Justice or Judge, an annuity or yearly sum of money, which shall not exceed three-fourths of the Salary which he had received and was entitled to previous to such his resignation and retiring from office; and further to award and grant in like manner to any person who may have heretofore executed the office of Chief Justice or Puisné Judge in this Province, and who, from the aforesaid causes, may have resigned the same, a like annuity or yearly sum of money in the proportion aforesaid; and also, in the event of the demise of any one of the said Justices or Judges, whether he may have so previously retired or not, to award and grant in like manner to the Widow of any such Justice or Judge, an annuity or yearly pension not exceeding pounds, and further to grant and award to the Widow of any Justice or Judge who may have heretofore held either of the said offices of Chief Justice or Puisné Judge in this Province during the period of fifteen years, or held the same at the period of his demise, a like annuity and yearly pension as last aforesaid, the said annuities to be paid quarterly, and to commence from and after such resignation or such demise as aforesaid, and continue from thenceforth for and during the period of the natural life of the person to whom the same shall be so granted as aforesaid; Provided always that no such annuity or yearly sum of money granted to any person having executed the office of Chief Justice or of Puisné Justice, or of District Judge in this Province, shall be valid unless such Chief Justice, Puisné Justice, or District Judge respectively, shall have continued in one or other of the said offices for the period of fifteen years, or shall be afflicted with some permanent infirmity disabling him from the due execution of the duties of his office.

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LIII. And be it further enacted, that none of the said Justices of the said Court of King's Bench, or Judges of the said District Courts