Anno quarto & quinto

Annæ Reginæ.

An Act for Raising the Militia for the Year One thousand seven hundred and six, notwithstanding the Months Pay formerly Advanced be not Repaid; And for an Account to be made of Trophy-Monies.

WHereas by an Act of Parliament made in the Thirteenth year of the Reign of the late King Charles the Second, Intituled, An Act for Ordering the Forces in the several Counties of this Kingdom, It was amongst other things Enacted, That in case of Invasions, Insurrections or Rebellions, whereby Occasion should be to draw out the Soldiers, mentioned and appointed in and by the said Act, into actual Service, the Persons Charged by the said Act with Horses, Horsemen and Arms, should provide each their Soldier respectively with Pay in Hand, not exceeding One Months Pay, as should be in that behalf Directed by the respective Lieutenants of the several Counties, and in their Absence, or otherwise, by their Directions, by their Deputies, or any Two or more of them; for Repayment of which said Monies for satisfaction of the Officers for their Pay, during such time, not exceeding One Month, as aforesaid, as they should be with their Soldiers in actual Service, It was thereby Declared, That Provision should be made for the same by his said Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, out of his or their Publick Treasury or Revenue; Nevertheless it was thereby further Provided and Enacted, That in case a Months Pay should be provided and advanced, as aforesaid, that no Person who should have advanced his Proportion thereof, should be charged with any other like Months Payment, until he or they should be Reimbursed the said Months

Pay, and so from time to time, the said Months Pay by him or them last before provided and advanced, as aforesaid: And whereas upon the Invasion of the Coast of this Kingdom by the French in the late War, it was found Necessary for the Publick Defence and Safety, to draw out the said Soldiers into actual Service, and to Charge the said Persons to provide each their Soldier respectively with Pay in Hand, altho' the Months Pay by several of them before that time provided and advanced, was not nor could be Reimbursed: And whereas it may be Necessary for the Publick Safety and Defence of this Realm, to draw the said Forces into actual Service, Be it therefore Enacted by the Queens 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 if at any time or times, before the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and seven, it shall be found by Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, to be Necessary for the Defence and Safety of this Kingdom, to draw out the said Soldiers into actual Service, and the same shall be Declared and Signified to the respective Lieutenants, or Deputy Lieutenants, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque-Ports, Two Ancient Towns, and their Members, or in his Absence his Lieutenant or Lieutenants, by Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, It shall be Lawful for the said Lieutenants, or their Deputies, or any Two or more of them, as aforesaid, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque-Ports, Two Ancient Towns, and their Members, or in his Absence his Lieutenant or Lieutenants, in pursuance of such Orders from Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, notwithstanding one or more Months Pay before this time Advanced be not Reimbursed, to Raise and Draw out the said Soldiers into actual Service, and to Cause the Persons charged, as aforesaid, to provide each their Soldier with Pay in Hand, not exceeding One Months Pay, in such manner as if all the Pay before this time advanced and provided had been fully Reimbursed and Paid.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Lieutenants or their Deputies shall not Issue out Warrants for the raising any Trophy-Money, till the Justices of the Peace, or the major part of such Justices, at their several and respective General Quarter-Sessions, for their respective Counties, Ridings, Divisions and Places, shall have Examined, Stated and Allowed the Accounts of the Trophy-Money last Raised, Levied and Collected for any preceding Year, and certified such Examination of the said Accounts, under the Hands and Seals of Four or more such Justices.

Provided always, That nothing in this or any former Act contained shall extend to any County, City or Place, where it shall appear to the Justices at their Quarter-Sessions, That the Treasurer hath Absconded, Failed, or is Dead, and thereby such Account cannot be Passed.

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