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Annæ Reginæ.

An Act for Continuing an Act made in the Seſſion held in the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majeſties Reign, Intituled, *An Act for Puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and Falſe Muſters, and for the better Payment of the Army and Quarters.*

WHereas it is neceſſary in this time of War that the Forces which are on Foot ſhould be Continued, and others Raiſed for the Safety of the Kingdom, and for the Carrying on the Common Cauſe for the Preſervation of the Liberties of Europe; and that as well Officers as Private Soldiers ſhould be Retained in their Duty, and ſuch as Tranſgreſs be Puniſhed in a more Exemplary and Speedy manner than the uſual Forms of the Law will allow; And it is alſo neceſſary, that good Order ſhould be taken for the Payment of the ſaid Forces and their Quarters: 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 the Act made in the Seſſion of Parliament holden in the Third and Fourth Year of Her ſaid Majeſties Reign, (Intituled, An Act for Puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and Falſe Muſters, and for the better Payment of the Army and Quarters,) ſhall be, and the ſame is hereby Continued, and ſhall ſtand, remain and be in Force, from and after the Four and twentieth Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, One thouſand ſeven hundred and five, until the Five and twentieth Day of March, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeven, and that all and every the Clauſes, Articles, Matters and Things in the ſaid Act contained, ſhall be Obſerved and Performed, Practiſed and put in Ure by the ſame Ways, Means and Methods, and by the ſame Rules

Rules and Directions, and under such Penalties and Forfeitures, and with such Powers, and in such Manner and Form, in all respects, as are prescribed, mentioned or expressed in the said Act, from the said Four and twentieth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and five, to the said Five and twentieth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and seven; And that the said Act, and every Matter and Thing therein contained, shall, during the time aforesaid, be of as full Force and Effect, as if the same were particularly and at large repeated in the Body of this present Act.

And whereas by the said Act it is Enacted, That no Commissary shall Muster any Forces within the City of Westminster, Borough of Southwark, and Liberties thereof, but in the presence of Two Justices of the Peace, not being Officers of the Army, under the Penalty mentioned in the said Act; And although due Notice hath been given to Justices in Order to their being present at such Musters, yet several of them have neglected, and others refused to come, whereby the Mustring of such Regiments, Troops, and Companies have been delayed and hindred: Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case such Justices of the Peace shall not, upon Forty eight Hours Notice given them, attend such Musters, That then such Commissary may proceed to Muster such Regiment, Troop or Company, although such Justices do not attend, without incurring the Penalty in the said Act: Provided, That Oath be made before any of Her Majesties Justices of the Peace, within Forty eight Hours after such Muster was taken, that such Notice was given to Six of Her Majesties Justices of Peace residing within the City and Liberties aforesaid respectively.

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