ANNO TRICESIMO QUARTO

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XLIII.

An Act to enable Subjects of *France* to enlist as Soldiers in Regiments to serve on the Continent of *Europe*, and in certain other Places; and to enable His Majesty to grant Commissions to Subjects of *France*, to serve and receive Pay as Officers in such Regiments, or as Engineers, under certain Restrictions. [9th *May* 1794.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, during the present War between *Great Britain* and *France*, it may be expedient to raise Regiments to serve on the Continent of *Europe*, or in the Dominions of his late Most Christian Majesty; and to enlist, as Soldiers in such Regiments, such Persons who were Subjects of his late Most Christian Majesty as shall be willing to enlist themselves in His Majesty's Service; and to enable certain Numbers of them to serve and receive Pay as Officers in such Regiments, and as Engineers, under Restrictions; be it enacted by the King's 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 it shall be lawful for all such Persons who were Subjects of his late Most Christian Majesty, as shall be willing to serve His Majesty, to enlist as Soldiers, and to accept Commissions or Letters of Service from His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, or from Persons duly authorized by His Majesty to grant the same, (which Commissions it shall be lawful to grant), to serve as Officers or as Engineers in any Part of the Continent of *Europe*, or in the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, and *Sark*, or in any Part of the Dominions of his late Most Christian Majesty: Provided, That no such Officer or Soldier shall be enabled by this Act to serve as an Officer, or Engineer, or Soldier, in any Place, except on the Continent of *Europe*, or in any of the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, and *Sark*, or in any Part of the Dominions of

Subjects of the late *French* King may enlist and accept Commissions to serve on the Continent of *Europe*, &c.

Such Officers not entitled to Half Pay, nor any such Soldier liable to Penalty for profeſſing the Popiſh Religion.

his late Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty: Provided alſo, That no ſuch Officer, when he ſhall be reduced, ſhall be entitled to receive Half Pay: Provided alſo, That no ſuch Perſon as aforeſaid ſhall be liable to any Pain or Penalty for having enliſted as a Soldier in any ſuch Regiments as aforeſaid, by Reaſon of his having profeſſed the Popiſh Religion, and not having declared the ſame at the Time of his enliſting.

Such Troops may be landed in *Great Britain*, for certain Purpoſes, &c.;

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe it ſhall be deemed neceſſary or expedient to bring any ſuch Troops as aforeſaid to any Port or Place in *Great Britain*, for the Purpoſe of Rendezvous, or with a View to Operations Abroad, and it ſhall be deemed neceſſary or expedient to land ſuch Troops in any Part of *Great Britain*, for Health or Exerciſe, it ſhall be lawful ſo to do, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided always, That ſuch Troops ſo landed ſhall not be marched into the Country to any Diſtance greater than Five Miles from the Sea Coaſt: Provided alſo, That Notice of landing ſuch Troops ſhall, within Fourteen Days after ſuch Landing, be given to both Houſes of Parliament, if Parliament ſhall be then aſſembled; and if not, then within Fourteen Days after the next Meeting of Parliament.

but no more than 5,000 to be in the Kingdom at One Time.

III. Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That there ſhall never be at any One Time within this Kingdom a greater Number of Perſons who ſhall have been enliſted under the Authority of this Act than Five thouſand Men.

Officers and Soldiers to be liable to ſuch Articles of War as His Majeſty ſhall eſtabliſh, &c.

IV. Provided always, and be it further declared and enacted, That all and every ſuch Officers and Soldiers reſpectively ſhall, whilſt in His Majeſty's Service as aforeſaid, be ſubject and liable to ſuch Articles of War as His Majeſty ſhall think fit to eſtabliſh for the better Government of ſuch Forces and for bringing Offenders againſt the ſame to Juſtice, and for conſtituting Courts Martial, with Power to try, hear, and determine, any Crimes or Offences by ſuch Articles of War, and inflict Penalties by Sentence or Judgement of the ſame: Provided always, That no Officer or Soldier ſhall, by ſuch Articles of War, be ſubject to any Puniſhment extending to Life or Limb, for any Crime which is not expreſſed to be ſo puniſhable by an Act of this Seſſion of Parliament (intituled, *An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters*); nor for ſuch Crimes as are expreſſed to be ſo puniſhable in the ſaid Act, in any Manner or under any Regulations which ſhall not accord with the Proviſions of the ſaid Act: Provided alſo, That every Perſon who ſhall be enliſted as a Soldier under the Authority of this Act, ſhall be atteſted in ſuch Manner as His Majeſty ſhall direct by ſuch Articles of War, and not otherwiſe; and that ſuch Officers and Soldiers reſpectively ſhall take ſuch Oath for their Fidelity, during their Continuance in His Majeſty's Service, as His Majeſty ſhall in like Manner direct, and no other.

Continuance of Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be in Force and have Continuance during the ſaid War, and from the End thereof to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament.

FINIS.