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CAP. LXIV.

An Act for encreasing the Rates of Subsistence to be paid to Innkeepers and others on quartering Soldiers, for a limited Time.

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Preamble.

Mutiny Act recited.

WHEREAS by the Act of Parliament now in force *for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters*, certain Rates are established in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Dominion of *Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, for the Payment of Innholders and others on whom Non-commissioned Officers and Private Soldiers are quartered and billetted, who shall be furnished with Diet and Small Beer at their Quarters; and an Option is given to such Innholders and others, to furnish certain Articles *gratis*, in lieu of Diet and Small Beer, at the Rates prescribed: And whereas the Occasion of marching and quartering of Troops has encreased, and may continue, and the Rules prescribed for furnishing Soldiers with Necessaries are, in many Instances, become, from the high Price of Provisions, inadequate, and are productive of Distress to such Innholders and others: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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, from and after the passing of this Act, and during the Continuance thereof, every Non-commissioned Officer and Private Soldier who shall be furnished with Diet and Small Beer within the aforesaid Part of *Great Britain*, by the Innholders or other Persons on whom such Non-commissioned Officers or Private Soldiers shall be quartered and billetted by virtue of the said Act now in force, or by virtue of any Act which may hereafter be in force, for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters, shall pay and allow for the same Ten-pence *per Diem*; and that the Accounts of the same shall be rendered, and Payment thereof made, in like Manner as is directed in the said Act now in force touching the former Rates of Sixpence *per Diem* for the Cavalry, and Four-pence *per Diem* for the Infantry.

Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers to allow 10*d. per Diem* for Diet and Small Beer in Quarters in *England*;

II. And be it further enacted, That in case any Innholders or other Persons on whom any Non-commissioned Officers or Private Men shall be quartered, shall, by virtue of the said Option in the said Act, furnish such Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers with the Articles therein mentioned, in lieu of furnishing Diet and Small Beer, at the Rates prescribed by this Act, such Innholders or other Persons on whom such Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers are quartered, and by whom the said Articles shall have been so supplied, shall receive, in Consideration thereof, Two-pence *per Diem* for each Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier, instead of furnishing the same *gratis*, as required by the said Act; which Sum of Two-

and for Articles which have been furnished *gratis* in lieu thereof, 2*d per Diem* to be allowed.

pence *per Diem* shall be accounted for and paid in like Manner as is directed touching the Rates aforesaid.

For Horses quartered, 10*d.* 2*q.* *per Diem* to be paid for Hay and Straw.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Sum to be paid to the Innholder or other Person, on whom any of the Horses belonging to His said Majesty's Forces shall be quartered by virtue of the said Act, for Hay and Straw, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, and during the Continuance thereof, be Ten-pence Halfpenny *per Diem* for each Horse, instead of Sixpence *per Diem* as directed in the said Act.

So much of recited Act as relates to furnishing with Diet Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers on a March, or recruiting, repealed.

IV. And whereas the Provisions contained in the said recited Act, with respect to the Manner of dieting Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers on a March, or employed in recruiting, and likewise the Recruits by them raised, have been productive of much Inconvenience, as well to the Troops as the Innholders; be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as relates to the Manner of furnishing Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers on a March, or employed in recruiting, and likewise the Recruits by them raised, with Diet or other Provision, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Regulation with respect to dieting Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers on their March;

V. And be it further enacted, That all Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers shall, during the Continuance of this Act, be entitled to receive their Diet and Small Beer from the Innholders or other Persons on whom they may be billetted, at the Rates herein-before prescribed, while on the March, as also on and for the Day of their Arrival at the Place of their final Destination, and on the Two subsequent Days, unless either of the Two subsequent Days shall be a Market Day in and for the Town or Place where such Officers or Soldiers shall be billetted, or within the Distance of Two Miles thereof, in which Case it shall and may be lawful for the Innholder, or other Person as aforesaid, to discontinue on and from such Market Day, the Supply of Diet and Small Beer, and to furnish in lieu thereof the Articles in the said recited Act specified, and at the Rate herein-before prescribed: Provided always, that if any Regiment, Troop, Company, or Detachment, when on the March, shall be halted, either for a limited or indefinite Time, at any intermediate Place, the Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers belonging thereto shall be entitled to receive their Diet and Small Beer from the Persons on whom they shall be billetted at such intermediate Place, for such Time only for which they would be entitled to receive the same after arriving at the Place of their final Destination, according to this Act.

and Recruiting Parties and Recruits.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Non-commissioned Officers and Private Men employed in recruiting, and the Recruits by them raised, shall, while on the March, and for Two Days after the Day of their Arrival at any Recruiting Station, be entitled to the same Benefits as is herein-before provided in regard to Troops upon the March; but no Recruit enlisted after the Two Days subsequent to the Arrival of the Party at their Recruiting Station, shall be entitled to be supplied with Diet and Small Beer at the Rate herein-before prescribed, except at the Option of the Person on whom he shall be quartered: Provided also nevertheless, that in case any such Recruiting Party, with the Recruits by them raised, shall remove from their Station, and after a Time shall return to the same Place, they, and the Recruits by them raised, so returning, shall not be again entitled to the Supply of Diet and Small Beer for such Two Days as aforesaid, unless the Period between the Time of their Removal from such Place, and their Return thereto, shall have exceeded Twenty-eight Days.

Continuance of Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall have Continuance until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

FINIS.