ANNO TRICESIMO QUINTO

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. LXXXI.

An Act to apportion the Relief, by the ſeveral Statutes now in force directed to be given to the Families of Non-commiſſioned Officers, Drummers, Fifers, and Privates, ſerving in the Militia, between the County at large and the peculiar Diſtricts therein not contributing to the County Rate, according to the Number of Men ſerving for each in ſuch Militia; and to remove certain Difficulties in reſpect to the Relief of Families of Subſtitutes, hired Men, or Volunteers, ſerving in the Militia.

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WHEREAS, in and by ſeveral Acts of Parliament, relating to the Militia in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, Proviſion is made for the Relief of the Families of Militia Men choſen by Lot, and of Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers, and Fifers, ſerving in the Militia, in the Caſes in the ſaid Acts mentioned: And whereas there are within this Kingdom divers Cities, Boroughs, Towns, and Places, being Counties of themſelves, and other Cities, Boroughs, Towns, Preamble.

Towns, and Places, which are entirely independent of the Rate called *The County Rate*, raiſed and aſſeſſed in and for the County at large, of which ſuch City, Borough, Town, and Place, is and are reſpectively deemed within and made Part, for the Purpoſes of the Militia Laws: And whereas ſuch Counties at large, and ſuch Cities, Boroughs, Towns, and Places, ought reſpectively to contribute to ſuch Relief of the Families of ſuch Militia Men choſen by Lot, according to the Locality of the Pariſh for which ſuch Militia Man ſhall ſerve, and of ſuch Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers, and Fifers, under the ſaid Acts, proportionably, according to the Number of Men reſpectively raiſed in each of them; and no Proviſion is made in the ſaid Acts for that Purpoſe: Therefore 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 in all Caſes where in and by the ſaid Acts now in force, or any of them, a certain Number of Militia Men are directed to be raiſed for any County, together with or including any City, Borough, Town, or Place, being a County or Diſtrict of itſelf, not contributing to the ſaid General County Rate, the ſeveral Sums of Money already raiſed and paid, or hereafter to be raiſed and paid, under the ſaid Acts of Parliament, to and for the Relief of the Families of ſuch Militia Men choſen by Lot, ſhall be paid and borne, out of the ſaid ſeveral Rates, by the Treaſurer of the County at large, or ſuch City, Borough, Town, or Place reſpectively, for which the ſaid Militia Man whoſe Family may want Relief ſhall ſerve.

Relief to the Families of Militia Men to be borne by the County at large, or the reſpective Places, not contributing to the County Rate, for which the Men ſerve;

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſeveral Sums of Money raiſed and paid under the ſaid Acts to and for the Relief of the Families of ſuch Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers, and Fifers reſpectively, ſhall be divided and apportioned between and borne by ſuch County, and ſuch City, Borough, Town, or Place, being a County or Diſtrict of itſelf, or not contributing to the ſaid General County Rate, in ſuch Proportions as the reſpective Numbers of Militia Men apportioned to be raiſed in and by ſuch County, and by ſuch City, Borough, Town, and Place, reſpectively bear to ſuch other.

and to Families of Non-commiſſioned Officers, &c. to be apportioned according to the Numbers of Men to be raiſed by the County, and ſuch Place.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Treaſurer of ſuch County and ſuch City, Borough, Town, and Place reſpectively, are hereby authorized and required to demand, receive, and make, Payment of ſuch Proportions and Sums of Money of the Treaſurer of ſuch other County, City, Borough, Town, and Place reſpectively, the One to the other of them, as the Caſe may require, in like Manner as in and by a certain Act of Parliament, made and paſſed in the Thirty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Families of Perſons choſen by Lot to ſerve in the Militia of this Kingdom, and of Subſtitutes ſerving therein; and to explain and amend an Act of Parliament, paſſed in the Twenty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, 'An Act 'for amending, and reducing into One Act of Parliament, the Laws re-'lating to the Militia in that Part of* Great Britain *called* England,' is directed and required, in caſe of Payment to the Families of Militia Men choſen by Lot, Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers, and Fifers, ſerving in the Militia of any County, Riding, City, Town, Liberty,

Treaſurers to demand and pay Proportions according to 33 *Geo.* III, Cap. 8.

Diviſion, or Place, other than the County, Riding, City, Town, Liberty, Diviſion, or Place, where ſuch Family ſhall dwell.

Diſputes to be ſettled by the County Lieutenant, or Three Deputy Lieutenants.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Diſpute or Diſagreement ſhall ariſe as to the Proportion ſo to be paid as aforeſaid, or any other Matter or Thing relating thereto, or to the Payments under the ſaid Acts, or this Act, the Lord Lieutenant of the ſaid County at large, and in his Abſence the Deputy Lieutenants, or any Three or more of them, at any Meeting called or to be called under the Militia Laws, or any of them, ſhall and may, and he and they is and are hereby empowered and required to adjuſt and ſettle the ſame, whoſe Deciſion therein ſhall be final; and the ſaid Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants, or any Three or more of them, is and are reſpectively hereby authorized and empowered to call for, require, and inſpect, the Account and Accounts of every ſuch Treaſurer and Treaſurers reſpectively, for the Purpoſe of adjuſting and ſettling the ſaid Proportion.

In Places not contributing to the County Rate, where no Treaſurer is appointed, the Juſtices may appoint One, and make Aſſeſſments, &c.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in all Cities, Towns, Liberties, Diviſions, and Places, which do not contribute to the ſaid General County Rates, and where no Treaſurer is yet appointed, the Juſtices of the Peace for every ſuch City, Town, Liberty, Diviſion, and Place, in caſe there are any, and if not, then the Juſtices of the County wherein ſuch City, Town, Liberty, Diviſion, and Place, ſhall be, ſhall and may, and they are hereby required, at their General Quarter Seſſions, to appoint a Treaſurer; and ſhall, from Time to Time, aſſeſs upon every Pariſh, Tything, Townſhip, Hamlet, and Vill, within the Liberties of ſuch Cities, Towns, Liberties, Diviſions, and Places, in ſuch Proportions as the Rates heretofore made for the Relief of the Poor have uſually been aſſeſſed; and ſhall cauſe to be paid, out of the Money collected and levied for the Relief of the Poor of every ſuch Pariſh, Tything, Townſhip, Hamlet, and Vill, into the Hands of ſuch Treaſurer, ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as are, ſhall, and may be, in their Diſcretion, neceſſary for the Purpoſes of this Act; and ſuch Treaſurer ſhall pay and diſpoſe of the ſame accordingly, and ſhall be and act in all Reſpects, in reſpect to the Proviſions of this Act, the ſame as the Treaſurer or Treaſurers of peculiar Diſtricts where a Publick Stock is now raiſed.

Juſtices may order Relief to the Families of Subſtitutes, hired Men, and Volunteers.

VI. And whereas Doubts and Difficulties have ariſen as to the Extent of the Power of Juſtices of the Peace to make Orders for the Relief of the Families of Subſtitutes, hired Men, or Volunteers; be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for Juſtices of the Peace to make Orders for the Relief of the Families of Subſtitutes, hired Men, or Volunteers, ſerving in the Militia, when embodied and called out into actual Service, and ordered to march, becoming chargeable to the Pariſhes, Townſhips, or Places, where ſuch Families ſhall dwell, out of the Poor Rates of ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, not exceeding ſuch Sum or Sums, as by the ſaid Acts are directed and authorized with regard to the Families of Men choſen by Lot, and of Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers, and Fifers.

Quarter Seſſions to allow Payments made to the Families of Subſtitutes, though Accounts have not been tranſmitted quarterly, &c.

VII. And whereas Doubts have ariſen as to the Power of the Juſtices at the General Quarter Seſſions, to make and enforce Orders on Overſeers of the Poor of the Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, for which Subſtitutes ſerve, for repaying the Money to the Treaſurer of the County, Riding, or Place, who ſhall advance and pay the ſame, in purſuance of the ſaid Act, to the Treaſurer of the County, Riding, or Place, where the Family of ſuch Subſtitute dwells, unleſs the Relief was afforded under Orders previouſly made by a Juſtice of the Peace, and Accounts of ſuch Payments tranſmitted from Time to Time, Quarterly, by the Treaſurer of the County, Riding, or Place where the Families of ſuch Subſtitutes reſide and dwell, to the Treaſurer of the County, Riding, or Place, for which the Subſtitutes ſerve; and ſuch Orders have been frequently made after the Relief afforded, and the Pariſh Officers have not applied for or been repaid the ſame Quarterly; be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Juſtices of the Peace of any County, Riding, or Place, to the Treaſurer whereof any Certificates of Orders and Accounts of Monies paid for the Relief of the Families of any Subſtitutes ſhall not have been tranſmitted by the Treaſurer of any other County, Riding, or Place, in the Manner and within the Time directed by the ſaid Act, ſhall, and they are hereby required, at their next or any ſubſequent General Quarter Seſſions to be held after the paſſing of this Act, to enquire into and examine any ſuch Account, and to allow all ſuch Payments as ſhall have been actually made, whether the Orders for the Relief were made before or after the Relief afforded, and although the Accounts thereof ſhall not have been tranſmitted Quarterly, and forthwith to make Orders for the Overſeers of the Poor of the Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, for which the Subſtitutes ſhall ſerve, to pay the ſame to the Treaſurer of the County, Riding, or Place, in which ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, ſhall be ſituated, out of the Poor Rates of ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, within Fourteen Days next after ſuch Allowance of any ſuch Account, which Treaſurer ſhall, and he is hereby required, to pay or remit the Amount of ſuch Account within Fourteen Days next after the Receipt thereof.

Treaſurers repaying Overſeers of the Poor Relief given to ſuch Families, to tranſmit the Order of the Juſtice, and an Account, to the Juſtices of the Place for which Subſtitutes ſerve, who ſhall order Payment out of the Poor Rates.

VIII. And whereas the collecting and receiving ſuch Sums of Money Four Times in the Year from a great Number of Pariſhes is and will be attended with very conſiderable Trouble and Expence; be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Treaſurer of the County, Riding, or Place, who ſhall repay to any Overſeer of the Poor of the Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, where ſuch Families ſhall dwell, ſhall tranſmit a Certificate of the Order of the Juſtice allowing ſuch Relief (whether made before or after ſuch Relief being afforded), and alſo an Account of Monies ſo repaid by him, from Time to Time, either Yearly at the *Eaſter* Seſſions, or Quarterly, as required by the ſaid Act), to the Juſtices of the Peace of the County, Riding, or Place, in the Militia whereof ſuch Subſtitutes ſhall ſerve, which Accounts ſo received ſhall be allowed by the Juſtices at ſuch Seſſions, who ſhall forthwith make an Order for the Overſeers of the Poor of the Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, for which ſuch Subſtitutes ſhall ſerve, to pay the ſame to the Treaſurer of ſuch County, Riding, or Place, out of the Poor Rates of ſuch Pariſh, Townſhip, or Place, within

Twenty-one Days next after ſuch Seſſions ſhall be held as aforeſaid, which Treaſurer ſhall, and he is hereby required to remit or pay the Amount of ſuch Account, within Fourteen Days after the Receipt thereof, to the Treaſurer of the County, Riding, or Place, tranſmitting ſuch Certificate and Account as aforeſaid.

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