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CAP. XLI.

An Act for increasing the Rates of Subsistence to be paid to Innkeepers and others on quartering Soldiers. [24th *April* 1797.]

Preamble.

Mutiny Act recited.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, *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 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, 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-pence *per Diem* ſhall be accounted for and paid in like Manner as is directed touching the Rates aforeſaid.

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

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 be Ten-pence Halfpenny *per Diem* for each Horſe, inſtead of Sixpence *per Diem* as directed in the ſaid Act.

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

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.

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of recited Act as relates to furniſhing with Diet Non-commiſſioned Officers and Soldiers on a March, or recruiting, repealed.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Non-commiſſioned Officers and Soldiers ſhall 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

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

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.

When halted on a March, Non-commiſſioned Officers and Soldiers entitled to Diet and Small Beer as after arriving at their Deſtination:

VI. 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 if ſuch Halting be only for a Day after Arrival, and that be a Market Day, their Diet and Small Beer not to be diſcontinued.

VII. Provided nevertheleſs, That whenever it ſhall happen that any Regiment, Troop, Company, or Detachment, when on their March, ſhall be halted, and it ſhall appear by the Marching Orders that it is not intended that ſuch Regiment, Troop, Company, or Detachment, ſhall halt for any longer Time than One intire Day after the Day of their Arrival at the Place of halting, and the Day after ſuch Arrival ſhall be ſuch Market Day as aforeſaid, it ſhall not be lawful for the Innholders or other Perſons on whom the Non-commiſſioned Officers and Soldiers ſhall be billetted, to diſcontinue, on ſuch Market Day, the Supply of Diet and Small Beer to any ſuch Officers or Soldiers; but that all ſuch Officers and Soldiers ſhall be entitled to receive their Diet and Small Beer from ſuch Innholders and other Perſons aforeſaid, upon ſuch Market Day as aforeſaid, at the Rates herein-before preſcribed, in like Manner as they would have been entitled thereto if ſuch Day had not been a Market Day; any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary hereof notwithſtanding.

Regulations reſpecting Recruiting Parties and Recruits on their March.

VIII. 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 are 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.

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

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