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## C A P. XIII.

An Act to amend an Act, made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act to enable His Majesty to grant Commissions to a certain Number of Foreign Protestants, who have served Abroad as Officers or Engineers, to act and rank as Officers or Engineers in* America *only, under certain Restrictions and Qualifications.* [30th *December* 1797.]

WHEREAS it is judged expedient for the better Defence of His Majesty's Colonies in *America*, to augment His Majesty's Sixtieth Regiment of Infantry, now consisting of Four Battalions of One thousand Men each, by the Addition of a Fifth Battalion, to consist in like Manner of One thousand Men, and to inlist as Soldiers, to serve in the said Fifth Battalion in *America*, any of the Foreign Troops now in His Majesty's Pay, or other Foreigners who shall voluntarily enter themselves to serve as Soldiers therein: And whereas such Foreigners cannot so well be disciplined, without the Assistance of **Preamble.**

ſome Officers who are acquainted with their Manners and Language: And whereas it is expedient, in the preſent Juncture of Affairs, to facilitate the ſpeedy raiſing of ſuch Fifth Battalion, and to enable a certain Number of Foreign Officers to ſerve and receive Pay as Officers in ſuch Fifth Battalion: 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 and may be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to augment the ſaid Sixtieth Regiment of Infantry, by the Addition of a Fifth Battalion, to conſiſt of One thouſand Men, and to enliſt as Soldiers, to ſerve in ſuch Battalion, any of the Foreign Troops now in His Majeſty's Pay, or other Foreigners who ſhall voluntarily enter themſelves to ſerve as Soldiers therein in *America*.

His Majeſty may add a Fifth Battalion to the 60th Regiment, and Foreigners may ſerve therein in *America*.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all ſuch Foreign Officers who ſhall receive Commiſſions from His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to be Officers of ſuch Fifth Battalion in *America* (which Commiſſions it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to grant), ſhall and may be enabled to ſerve and receive Pay as Officers in the ſaid Regiment.

Foreign Officers may ſerve and receive Pay therein.

III. And whereas by an Act, paſſed in the Twenty-ninth Year of His late Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to enable His Majeſty to grant Commiſſions to a certain Number of Foreign Proteſtants, who have ſerved Abroad as Officers or Engineers, to act and rank as Officers or Engineers in* America *only, under certain Reſtrictions and Qualifications*, it is amongſt other Things enacted, that the Number of Officers in the ſaid Regiment ſhall not, in the Whole, at any Time, exceed Fifty, nor the Number of Engineers, in the Whole, at any Time, exceed Twenty; be it therefore enacted, That the ſaid recited Clauſe in the above-mentioned Act ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this preſent Act, be, and it is hereby declared to be and ſtand totally repealed to all Intents and Purpoſes.

A Clauſe in 29 *Geo.* II, to enable His Majeſty to grant Commiſſions to Foreign Proteſtants, repealed.

IV. Provided alſo, That no ſuch Foreign Officer ſhall be enabled by this Act to ſerve as an Officer in any Place except *America* only; but every ſuch Foreign Officer, when he ſhall be reduced, ſhall be capable of receiving Half-pay according to the Rank in which he ſhall then ſerve.

Foreign Officers to ſerve in *America* only, and may receive Half-pay.

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