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CAP. XXXVI.

An Act for increasing the Rates of Subsistence to be paid to Innkeepers and others on quartering Soldiers. [10th *May* 1799.]

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 increased, 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

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

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.

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

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.

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 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 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Regulations respecting Recruiting Parties and Recruits on their March.

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-nine, until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred.

Continuance of Act.

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