ANNO QUADRAGESIMO SECUNDO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

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CAP. CIX.

An Act for authorizing and rendering valid the Diſcharge of certain Militia Men in *Ireland*; and for giving Indemnity to the ſeveral Counties and Places in *Ireland* which may incur any Expence in conſequence of the Diſcharge of certain Militia Men.

[26th *June* 1802.]

WHEREAS Miſtakes and Inconveniencies have happened in inliſting, engaging, and recruiting the Men who were ſeverally engaged to ſerve in the Militia in *Ireland* at the Time when the ſame was diſembodied: And whereas at the Time of the diſembodying of the ſaid Militia Doubts had occurred in conſequence of the ſaid Inaccuracies and Miſtakes, as to the preciſe Period for which the Men were ſeverally bound to ſerve: And whereas under all the Circumſtances it is expedient to give general Diſcharges to all ſuch Militia Men (except as herein-after excepted), who were actually ſerving or engaged to ſerve when the Regiments were reſpectively diſembodied, and to render valid all ſuch Diſcharges as ſhall or may have already been given to any ſuch Militia Men; be it therefore 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

Militia Men serving, or engaged to serve, at the Time their Regiment or Battalion were disembodied (except permanent Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers, and Fifers), deemed to be fully discharged.

the Authority of the same, That all and every Militia Man and Militia Men who were actually serving or engaged to serve at the Time when the Regiments or Battalions to which they severally belonged were respectively disembodied (other than and except the permanent Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers, and Fifers in such Regiments or Battalions), shall be deemed and taken to be fully discharged, and are hereby declared to be discharged accordingly; and all Discharges already given, and all such as shall hereafter be given, shall be good and valid to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and every such Man so discharged (except as aforesaid), shall be entitled to the same Immunity from further Service as if he had served the full Time of his Engagement; any Thing in any Act or Acts of the Parliament of *Ireland*, or of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Where any County, *etc.* shall be called upon to provide Men in the Room of those so discharged, the Chief Governor may order a Sum not exceeding 2 *l.* 2 *s.* for each Man provided, to be paid to the Clerk of the Peace by any Collector of the Revenue.

II. And whereas it is just and equitable that Indemnity should be given to the several Counties and Places in *Ireland* which may incur any Expence in consequence of the Discharge of certain of the said Militia Men as aforesaid, whenever it shall appear from the Tenor of the several Attestations that any of the said Men so discharged were legally bound to serve for a further Period than that at which they were or may hereafter be so severally discharged; be it therefore further enacted, That whenever it shall happen that any County, County of a Town, or City in *Ireland*, shall be called upon to provide, and shall accordingly have provided, any Man or Men for the Regiment or Battalion of Militia, belonging to the said County, County of a Town, or City, in the Room of any Militia Man or Militia Men who shall be or shall have been so discharged before the End of the Period for which it shall appear, from the Tenor of his or their Attestation or Attestations, that such Militia Man or Militia Men were legally bound to serve; then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the Chief Governor or Chief Governors of *Ireland*, for the Time being, to order and direct, from Time to Time, such Sum or Sums of Money (not exceeding the Sum of Two Guineas for every Militia Man so provided), as may appear to him or them necessary for that Purpose, to be paid to the Clerk of the Peace for the said County, County of a Town, or City, by any of the Collectors of His Majesty's Revenue out of any publick Monies in their Hands, or out of any of the Aids or Supplies which shall be granted to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors; and every Sum so paid by any Collector shall be allowed to every such Collector in his Accounts; and every Sum so paid to any Clerk of the Peace shall be accounted for by him before the Commissioners appointed for examining the publick Accounts of *Ireland*.

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