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An Act for encreasing the Rates of Subsistence to be paid to Innkeepers and others on quartering Soldiers. [17th *May* 1803.]

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 the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* 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 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 Parts of the United Kingdom, by the Innholders or other Persons on whom such Non-commissioned

Mutiny Act recited.

Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers to allow 1*s.* 4*d.* *per Diem* for Diet and

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missioned Officers or Private Soldiers shall be quartered and billetted by virtue of the said Act, shall pay and allow for the same One Shilling and Four-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 Seven-pence *per Diem* for the Cavalry, and Five-pence *per Diem* for the Infantry.

and for Articles which have been furnished *gratis* in lieu thereof, One Halfpenny *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 within the aforesaid Parts of the United Kingdom, 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, One Halfpenny *per Diem* for each Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier, instead of furnishing the same *gratis*, as required by the said Act; which Sum of One Halfpenny *per Diem* shall be accounted for and paid in like Manner as is directed touching the Rates aforesaid.

For Horses quartered, 1*s*. 2*d*. *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 within the aforesaid Parts of the United Kingdom, on whom any of the Horses belonging to His Majesty's Forces shall be quartered by virtue of the said Act, for Hay and Straw, shall be One Shilling and Two-pence *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 within the aforesaid Parts of the United Kingdom 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, within the aforesaid Parts of the United Kingdom, 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

Persons paying Money to Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers on the March, in lieu of furnishing Diet and Small Beer, liable to be fined.

VI. Provided always, That if any Victualler or other Person liable by the said recited Act to have Soldiers billetted or quartered on him or her, shall pay any Sum or Sums of Money to any Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier on the March, in lieu of furnishing in kind, the Diet and Small Beer to which such Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier is entitled under the said Act, every such Victualler or other Person may be proceeded against and fined in like Manner as if he or she had refused to furnish or allow according to the Directions of the said recited Act, the several Things respectively directed to be furnished to Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers so quartered or billetted on him or her as aforesaid.

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

VII. Provided also, 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.

VIII. 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.

IX. 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.

X. Provided

Rates of Subſiſtence by an Act of laſt Seſſion, to be payable until Commencement of this Act.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Rates of Subſiſtence directed to be paid to Innkeepers aud others, on quartering Soldiers by an Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall be payable until the Commencement of this Act.

Continuance of Act.

XI. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall commence and take place from the Day of the paſſing thereof, and be in force until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and four.

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