

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO TERTIO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LV.

An Act to enable His Majeſty more effectually to provide for the Defence and Security of the Realm, during the preſent War; and for indemnifying Perſons who may ſuffer in their Property by ſuch Meaſures as may be neceſſary for that Purpoſe.

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WHEREAS it is expedient that His Majeſty ſhould be enabled to exerciſe, in the moſt effectual Manner, the Powers by Law veſted in Him, for preventing and repelling an Invaſion of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, by His Majeſty's Enemies, and that for ſuch Purpoſe Proviſion ſhould be made to enforce prompt Obedience to ſuch Orders, as His Majeſty, or the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Govenors of *Ireland*, for the Time being, ſhall think fit to iſſue for procuring the Information neceſſary to the effectual Exerciſe of ſuch Powers upon any Emergency, and for applying in the moſt expeditious Manner, and with the greateſt Effect, the voluntary Services of His Majeſty's loyal Subjects for the Defence of the ſaid United Kingdom; and alſo to enable His Majeſty, and the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, for the Time being, to procure Ground which may be wanting for encamping His Majeſty's Armies, and for erecting Batteries, Beacons, and other Works which may be deemed neceſſary for the publick Service; and alſo to provide for

the Indemnity (in certain Cases) of Persons who may suffer in their Property by Measures which may be taken for the Defence and Security of the Country, and Annoyance of the Enemy; 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 the Lieutenants of the several Counties, Ridings, and Places within that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, and of the several Counties, Stewartries, Cities, and Places in that Part of the United Kingdom called *Scotland*, and their Deputy Lieutenants, or such of them as His Majesty shall direct, and the Deputy Lieutenants acting as Lieutenants under the Laws now in force, shall respectively, in Obedience and Conformity to such Orders as His Majesty shall think fit to issue for such Purpose, and the Governors of Counties and Places in *Ireland*, and their Deputy Governors, or such of them as the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, for the Time being, shall direct, shall, in Obedience and Conformity to the Orders of such Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, procure Returns of the Numbers of Men residing within the several Counties, Ridings, Stewartries, Baronies, Cities, and Places within and throughout the said United Kingdom, who shall be of the Age of Fifteen Years and under the Age of Sixty Years, distinguishing which of them are by reason of Infirmity incapable of active Service, and which of them are engaged in any Volunteer Corps, or in any Troops or Companies of Yeomanry, and what Corps, Troops, or Companies, and which of them are willing to engage themselves to be armed, arrayed, trained, and exercised for the Defence of the United Kingdom; and upon what Terms and which of them are willing to engage in Cases of Emergency, either gratuitously or for Hire, as Boatmen or Bargemen, or as Drivers of Carriages or Horses, or Drivers of Waggons, Carts, Cars, or Cattle, or as Pioneers or other Labourers, for any Works or Labour which may be necessary for the publick Service; and also distinguishing all Aliens and Quakers, with such other Particulars as His Majesty, or such Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* shall think fit to require; and also to procure Returns of the Numbers of the Males and Females residing within the several Counties, Ridings, Stewartries, Baronies, Cities, and Places aforesaid, who by reason of Infancy, Age, or Infirmity, or for other Cause, may probably be incapable of removing themselves in case of Danger; and also for procuring Returns of all Boats, Barges, Waggons, Carts, Cars, Horses, and other Cattle and Sheep, and of all Hay, Straw, Corn, Meal, Flour, and other Provisions, and of all Mills and Ovens, and all other Matters and Things which may be useful to an Enemy, or applicable to the publick Service within the said Counties, Ridings, Stewartries, Baronies, Cities, and Places respectively; and which of such Boats, Barges, Waggons, Carts, Cars, and Horses, the Owners thereof are willing to furnish, in case of Emergency, for the publick Service, either gratuitously or for Hire, and with what Number of Boatmen, Bargemen, Drivers, and other necessary Attendants, and upon what Terms and Conditions, and of all such other Particulars as His Majesty, or such Lord Lieutenant or Chief Governor or Governors aforesaid shall require, for the Purpose of enabling His Majesty, and the Persons acting under His Majesty's Authority, or the said Lord Lieutenant or Chief Governor or Governors, and the Persons acting under his or their Authority, to give such Orders

The County Lieutenants and their Deputies in *Great Britain*, in Obedience to His Majesty's Orders, and the Governors of Counties in *Ireland* and their Deputies, in Obedience to the Orders of the Lord Lieutenant, shall procure Returns of Men 15 Years of Age and under 60, distinguishing which are incapable of Service, which are in Volunteer Corps or Yeomanry, and which are willing to be trained, *etc.*

and of Boats, Waggons, Horses, *etc.* and which of them the Owners are willing to furnish for the publick Service, *etc.*

Orders as may be neceſſary for the Removal, in caſe of Danger, of ſuch Perſons as ſhall be incapable of removing themſelves; and for the Removal of all Boats, Barges, Waggons, Carts, Cars, Horſes, Cattle, Sheep, Hay, Straw, Corn, Meal, Flour, and other Proviſions, Matters and Things aforeſaid, or for the Employment thereof in His Majeſty's Service or otherwiſe, as the Exigency of the Caſe ſhall require; and generally to give ſuch Directions touching ſuch Matters reſpectively, as may be deemed moſt likely to defeat the Views of the Enemy, and moſt advantageous for the publick Service.

His Majeſty, and the Lord Lieutenant, with the Advice of the Privy Council, may require ſuch Lieutenants or Deputies, or ſuch Governors or Deputies, to appoint Officers for training Men willing to be armed, *etc.*

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, and for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, for the Time being, by and with the Advice of His Majeſty's Privy Council of *Ireland*, to order and require, from Time to Time, as His Majeſty or ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors as aforeſaid, ſhall ſee Occaſion, the Lieutenants or Deputy Lieutenants acting as Lieutenants as aforeſaid, or the Governors or Deputy Governors of Counties in *Ireland* reſpectively, to appoint proper Officers to be ready for arraying, training, exerciſing, and commanding ſuch Men as ſhall be willing to engage themſelves to be armed, trained, and exerciſed as aforeſaid, and alſo proper Perſons to be in like Manner ready, in caſe of Need, for ſuperintending and directing the Execution of the ſeveral other Duties which may be neceſſary to be done, for the ſeveral Purpoſes herein-before mentioned; ſuch Officers and other Perſons to be appointed in ſuch Numbers, and under ſuch Regulations and Reſtrictions as His Majeſty, or ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors in *Ireland*, ſhall think fit to order and direct; ſuch Lieutenants or Deputy Lieutenants, acting as Lieutenants as aforeſaid, or ſuch Governors or Deputy Governors, firſt ſignifying to His Majeſty, or to ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors, the Names and Ranks of all Officers ſo to be appointed, and the Purpoſes for which they are ſo to be appointed, and appointing ſuch Officers only as His Majeſty, or ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors in *Ireland* ſhall approve: Provided always, that if the ſaid Lieutenants, or Deputy Lieutenants, acting as Lieutenants as aforeſaid, or ſuch Governors or Deputy Governors ſhall not, within the Time which may be ſpecified in the Orders which ſhall be given for ſuch Purpoſe, ſignify to His Majeſty, or to ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors as aforeſaid, the Names of a ſufficient Number of Officers, whom His Majeſty, or ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors, in *Ireland*, ſhall approve for the Command of ſuch Men as aforeſaid, and appoint ſuch other Perſons as ſhall be neceſſary for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, or for ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors as aforeſaid, in *Ireland*, to appoint ſo many Officers and other Perſons as ſhall be neceſſary for ſuch Purpoſes.

If within the ſpecified Time a ſufficient Number of Officers, *&c.* ſhall not be ſignified to His Majeſty, or the Lord Lieutenant, they may appoint ſo many as ſhall be neceſſary.

His Majeſty, or the Lord Lieutenant, may authorize the Lieutenants and Deputies, and the Governors or Deputies, to hold Meetings,

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, by Order under His Sign Manual, or for ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors as aforeſaid, by Order in Writing, under his or their Hand or Hands, to authorize and require the ſeveral Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants aforeſaid, and the ſeveral Governors or Deputy Governors of Counties in *Ireland*, to hold ſuch General and Sub-

and require the Attendance of the Clerks &c.

division Meetings, within their reſpective Counties, Ridings, Stewartries, Cities, and Places as His Majeſty, or ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors as aforeſaid, ſhall think fit, and as ſhall be neceſſary for the Execution of this Act; and to require for ſuch Purpoſes the Attendance of the Clerks of the ſeveral General Meetings and Subdiviſion Meetings within their reſpective Counties, Ridings, Stewartries, Cities, and Places, and of all other Perſons whoſe Aſſiſtance ſhall be neceſſary for carrying into Execution this Act, in ſuch and the ſame Manner, and with the ſame Powers and Authorities as by the ſeveral Acts now in Force concerning the Militia Forces of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* reſpectively, is provided with reſpect to ſuch Militia Forces, ſo far as the Proviſions in ſuch Acts reſpectively are applicable to the Purpoſes of this Act.

Lieutenants and Deputies, and Governors and Deputies, Juſtices, *etc.* to have the like Powers as they have reſpecting the Militia Laws;

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Lieutenants and their Deputy Lieutenants and the Deputy Lieutenants acting as Lieutenants as aforeſaid, and ſuch Governors or Deputy Governors of Counties in *Ireland*, and all Juſtices of the Peace, Conſtables, Tything Men, Headboroughs, and other Officers, ſhall, for the Purpoſes of this Act, have the like Powers and Authorities to do within their reſpective Counties, Ridings, Stewartries, Baronies, Cities, and Places reſpectively, all ſuch Acts, Matters, and Things as ſhall be required by His Majeſty, or by ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors as aforeſaid, to be done by them reſpectively in the Execution of this Act, as they reſpectively have to do the ſeveral Acts, Matters, and Things by Law required to be done by them reſpectively by any Act or Acts now in Force, concerning the Militia Forces of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* reſpectively.

and to obey Orders.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, Governors, Deputy Governors, Juſtices of the Peace, Conſtables, and other Officers, and all other Perſons, ſhall obey ſuch Orders as they ſhall reſpectively receive under the Authority of this Act, and the ſeveral Proviſions herein contained.

Lieutenants or Deputies, and Governors or Deputies, to iſſue Warrants, when required, to the Conſtables, *etc.* to cauſe Returns to be made to the Subdiviſion Meetings on Oath.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Lieutenants or Deputy Lieutenants, and the Governors or Deputy Governors of the ſeveral Counties, Ridings, Stewartries, Cities, and Places aforeſaid, within ſuch Time as they ſhall be required by His Majeſty, or by ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors as aforeſaid, ſo to do, ſhall iſſue Warrants to the ſeveral Conſtables, Tything Men, Headboroughs, or other Officers of every Pariſh or Place within the ſeveral Counties, Ridings Stewartries, Baronies, Cities, and Places aforeſaid, to cauſe Returns to be prepared and made, touching the ſeveral Purpoſes aforeſaid, or any of them, as His Majeſty, or ſuch Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors, ſhall direct for their reſpective Pariſhes and Places; and ſuch Conſtables, Tything Men, Headboroughs, and other Officers ſhall make ſuch Returns ſeverally and reſpectively to the ſaid Deputy Lieutenants, or to the ſaid Deputy Governors at their reſpective Subdiviſion Meetings, according to the Warrants which ſhall be iſſued for ſuch Purpoſes, and ſhall verify the ſame upon Oath before ſuch Deputy Lieutenants or Deputy Governors.

His Majeſty, and the Lord Lieutenant, in

VII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, in caſe of actual Invaſion of the ſaid United Kingdom, and for the Lord

Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, in case of actual Invasion of *Ireland*, or if His Majesty, or such Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors as aforesaid, shall see Cause to apprehend that such Invasion will be actually attempted by the Enemy, to authorize and empower, by Order under His Majesty's Sign Manual, or by Order in Writing under the Hand or Hands of such Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors, the said Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants, Governors or Deputy Governors, or any of them, on any Emergency, and on the Requisition of the Officer commanding within the District, respectively, or of such other Persons as His Majesty, or such Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors as aforesaid, shall specially empower, to make such Requisition, to give all such Orders as shall be necessary for the Removal of any Boats, Barges, Waggons, Carts, Cars, or other Carriages, Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hay, Straw, Corn, Meal, Flour, or Provisions of any Kind, or any other Things which may be of Advantage to an Enemy, or useful for the publick Service, and to take the same, if necessary, for the publick Service; and also to give such Orders as shall be necessary for the Removal of the Inhabitants of any House, Hamlet, Village, District, or Place, or any of them, and especially such as by reason of Infancy, Age, or Infirmity, or other Cause, shall be incapable of removing themselves in case of Danger; and also, in case of Necessity, to destroy any Boats, Barges, Waggons, Carts, Cars, or other Carriages, Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hay, Straw, Corn, Meal, Flour, or Provisions of any Kind, or any Thing which may be of Advantage to an Enemy, and to remove, destroy, or render useless any House, Mill, Bridge, or other Building, or any Matter or Thing whatsoever, and generally to do and act in the Premises as the publick Service and the Exigencies of particular Cases shall require.

certain Cases, may authorize the Lieutenants and Deputies, and Governors or Deputies, to order the Removal of Boats, Waggons, Horses, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That any Persons who may enrol themselves in any Volunteer Corps of Infantry or Cavalry subsequent to the Date of this Act, shall not be liable to be called out and placed under the Command of any General Officer commanding within the District in which such Corps may be formed, except in Conformity to the Terms of their original Offers of Service, and except in case of actual Invasion, or of the actual Appearance of the Enemy on the Coast, or of the Danger of Invasion being deemed so imminent as to make it advisable for the Lieutenants or Deputy Lieutenants, in *Great Britain*, or for the Governors or Deputy Governors in *Ireland*, or any of them, to give Orders for the Removal of Cattle, Corn, or any other Articles which may be of Advantage to the Enemy, or useful to the publick Service, in Manner herein-before mentioned.

Persons enrolling themselves in any Volunteer Corps subsequent to this Act, shall not be liable to be placed under the Command of the General of the District, except in certain Cases.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if the Commanding Officer of any Corps or Company of Volunteers in *Great Britain*, who shall be appointed under the Authority of this Act, or who has been or shall be appointed under the Authority of an Act, passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to enable His Majesty to avail Himself of the Offers of certain Yeomanry and Volunteer Corps to continue their Services*, shall make any false Return of such Corps or Company, with Intent to defraud His Majesty, or if the Commanding Officer of any

If the Commanding Officer of any Volunteers in *Great Britain* shall make a false Return, or of any Yeomanry in *Ireland* shall make a false Return or Certificate, he shall forfeit 200*l.*

any Troop or Company of Yeomanry in *Ireland*, ſhall make or give any falſe Return or Certificate, every ſuch Officer ſhall forfeit and loſe the Sum of Two hundred Pounds.

His Majeſty, and the Lord Lieutenant, may authorize Perſons to treat for Ground for the publick Service, who may, in certain Caſes, apply to Two Juſtices, or Deputy Lieutenants, or Deputy Governors, to put His Majeſty's Officers into Poſſeſſion, which they ſhall do, and direct the Sheriff to ſummon a Jury to aſcertain the Compenſation to be made.

X. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, or for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, in *Ireland*, to authorize any General Officer or Officers, or other Perſon or Perſons commiſſioned for ſuch Purpoſe, to ſurvey and mark out any Piece of Ground wanted for the publick Service, and to treat and agree with the Owner or Owners thereof, or any Perſon or Perſons having any Intereſt therein, for the Poſſeſſion or Uſe thereof during ſuch Time as the Exigence of the Service ſhall require; and in caſe the Owner or Owners of any ſuch Ground, or any Perſon or Perſons having any Intereſt therein, ſhall refuſe or decline to enter into ſuch Contract touching the ſame as ſhall be ſatisfactory to ſuch Officer or Officers, or other Perſon or Perſons commiſſioned as aforeſaid, or ſhall be unable ſo to do by reaſon of Infancy, Coverture, or other Diſability, it ſhall be lawful for the Perſon or Perſons ſo authorized by His Majeſty, or by ſuch Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors as aforeſaid, to require Two or more Juſtices of the Peace, or Deputy Lieutenants, or Deputy Governors for the County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place where ſuch Piece of Ground ſhall be, to put His Majeſty's Officers into immediate Poſſeſſion of ſuch Piece of Ground, which ſuch Juſtices, or Deputy Lieutenants, or Deputy Governors ſhall accordingly do, and ſhall for that Purpoſe iſſue their Warrant, under their Hands and Seals, commanding Poſſeſſion to be ſo delivered, and ſhall alſo iſſue their Warrants to the Sheriff of the County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place wherein ſuch Piece of Ground ſhall be ſituate, to ſummon a Jury, to appear and be on a Day and at a Place in ſuch Warrant to be mentioned, to enquire of and aſcertain the Compenſation which ought to be made for the Poſſeſſion or Uſe of ſuch Piece of Ground, during the Time for which the ſame ſhall be required for the publick Service, to the ſeveral Perſons intereſted therein, and to whom the ſame ought to be paid; the Verdict of which Jury ſhall be certified by ſuch Juſtices or Deputy Lieutenants to the Receiver General of the Land Tax of the County, Riding, City, or Place in *England*, or to the Collector of the Land Tax of the County, Stewartry, City, or Place in *Scotland*, or to the Collector of His Majeſty's Revenues for Diſtricts in *Ireland*, where ſuch Lands ſhall lie; which Receiver General or Collector ſhall, out of any Money in his Hands, pay ſuch Compenſation to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, in ſuch Manner and for ſuch Purpoſes as by ſuch Verdict ſhall be directed: Provided always, that no ſuch Piece of Ground ſhall be ſo taken for the publick Service without the Conſent of the Owner or Owners thereof, unleſs the Neceſſity for the ſame ſhall be firſt certified by the Lord Lieutenant, or Two of the Deputy Lieutenants, or by One Governor, or Two Deputy Governors of the County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place in which ſuch Lands ſhall lie, or unleſs the Enemy ſhall have actually invaded the United Kingdom at the Time when ſuch Piece of Ground ſhall be ſo taken.

Verdict of Jury to be certified to the Receiver General of the Land Tax, *etc.* who ſhall pay the Compenſation.

No Ground ſhall be taken without the Conſent of the Owner, unleſs the Neceſſity be firſt certified, or in caſe of actual Invaſion.

The Treaſury in *Great Britain*, and the Lord Lieute-

XI. And be it further enacted, That when it ſhall have been found neceſſary to take for the publick Service, remove, or deſtroy any Waggons, Carts, Cars, or other Carriages, Horſes, Cattle, Sheep, Hay, Straw, Corn,

Corn, Meal, Flour, or other Proviſions, or any other Articles whatſoever, or to deſtroy or injure any Houſe, Mill, Bridge, or other Building, or any Matter or Thing of Value, under the Directions aforeſaid, the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury in *Great Britain*, or the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, ſhall appoint Perſons to enquire into and aſcertain the Value of ſuch Articles, and the Compenſation which ought to be made for the ſame by way of Purchaſe or Hire, or Recompence for Damage or otherwiſe, according to the Nature of the Caſe; and if the Owner or Owners, or Perſon or Perſons intereſted, ſhall be willing to accept the Compenſation which ſhall be ſo aſcertained, the ſame ſhall be paid by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* reſpectively, or by ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be appointed by them for that Purpoſe, in purſuance of a Certificate under the Hands of the Perſons ſo employed to aſcertain the ſame; and if the Owner or Owners, or Perſon or Perſons intereſted, ſhall not be willing to accept ſuch Compenſation, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, or ſuch Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* as aforeſaid, to order Two Juſtices of the Peace of the County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place to ſettle and aſcertain the Compenſation which ought to be made to ſuch Owner or Owners, or Perſons intereſted; which Juſtices ſhall ſettle and aſcertain the ſame accordingly, and ſhall grant a Certificate thereof to the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* reſpectively, who ſhall order the ſame to be paid to the Perſon or Perſons entitled thereto out of any Money granted for the Supply of the Year.

nant in *Ireland*, ſhall appoint Perſons to aſcertain the Value of Articles taken or injured, which ſhall be paid on Certificate from them; but if the Parties are not willing to accept the Compenſation, His Majeſty, or the Lord Lieutenant, may order Two Juſtices to ſettle what ought to be made, &c.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Warden of the Stannaries, and all other Officers of the Stannaries in *Great Britain*, ſhall reſpectively, in Obedience to His Majeſty's Orders to be iſſued for that Purpoſe, procure like Returns to be made, and all other Matters to be done touching the Tinners of the Counties of *Devon* and *Cornwall*, according to the Cuſtoms of the Stannaries and Privileges of the working Tinners, as are hereby required to be done by the Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants aforeſaid, touching other Perſons reſiding in the ſaid Counties of *Devon* and *Cornwall*, not entitled to the Benefit of ſuch Privileges; and ſuch Warden and other Officers of the Stannaries ſhall have ſuch and the like Powers and Authorities to do and execute all and every the Matters and Things which ſhall be ſo required to be done as aforeſaid, as the ſaid Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants of the ſeveral Counties, Ridings, Stewartries, Cities, and Places aforeſaid, have for doing the ſeveral Matters and Things hereby required to be done by them reſpectively.

The Officers of the Stannaries ſhall procure Returns, and all other Matters to be done touching the Tinners of *Devon* and *Cornwall*.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That His Majeſty's Commiſſioners of Lieutenancy for the City of *London*, the Lord Mayor of the ſaid City, and the Aldermen, Deputies, and Common Councilmen of the ſeveral Wards of the ſaid City and Liberties thereof, and the Conſtables, Beadles, and other Ward Officers of the ſame; the Conſtable of the Tower of *London*, Lieutenants of the *Tower* Hamlets, and the Deputy Lieutenants of the ſaid Hamlets, and their ſeveral Officers; the Juſtices of the Peace for the Tower Liberties, the Conſtables, and other Peace Officers within the ſame; the Warden of the Cinque Ports, Two ancient Towns, and their Members, his Lieutenant or Lieutenants, and his or their Officers, and the Mayors, Jurats, Juſtices of the Peace, Conſtables, and other Peace Officers

The Lieutenancy, Lord Mayor, *etc.* of *London*, the Conſtable of the Tower, *etc.* the Warden of the Cinque Ports, *etc.* Juſtices, *etc.* to have the like Powers as they have reſpecting the Militia Laws.

Officers for the Liberties of the Cinque Ports, Two ancient Towns, and their Members; and all other Juſtices of the Peace, and all Perſons whoſoever exerciſing the Powers of Juſtices of the Peace in any Part of the ſaid United Kingdom; and all Conſtables and other Peace Officers within their reſpective Diſtricts; and all other Perſons having Authority within the ſame, ſhall put in Execution all and every the Powers and Proviſions contained in this Act, in like Manner as they are reſpectively authorized to put in Execution the ſeveral Laws reſpecting the Militia Forces of the ſaid Kingdom, or any of them reſpectively, within their reſpective Diſtricts.

Form of Conviction in the Schedule may be uſed with the neceſſary Variations.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Form of Conviction, by One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, in purſuance of this Act, ſet forth and expreſſed in the Schedule hereunto annexed, may be uſed with ſuch Additions and Variations only, as may be neceſſary to adapt the ſame to the particular Exigencies of the Caſe, and that no Objection ſhall be made, or Advantage taken, for want of Form in any ſuch Conviction, by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever.

Acceptance of Commiſſions not to vacate Seats in Parliament.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the Acceptance of any Commiſſion, under the Authority of this Act, ſhall not vacate the Seat of any Member returned to ſerve in Parliament.

Clerks of the Meetings, Conſtables, and other Officers, to receive Compenſations.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the reſpective Clerks of the General and Subdiviſion Meetings, in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, reſpectively, Conſtables, and other Officers required to execute this Act, and who ſhall reſpectively execute the ſame, to the Satisfaction of the Deputy Lieutenants or Deputy Governors aſſembled, at their reſpective Subdiviſion Meetings, ſhall have and receive ſuch Compenſation for their Care, Trouble, and Expences, in and about the executing of this Act, as the ſaid Deputy Lieutenants or Deputy Governors ſhall judge them reſpectively to have deſerved for the ſame; and the ſaid Deputy Lieutenants or Deputy Governors ſhall direct ſuch Compenſation to be paid, by the Receiver General of the County, Riding, or Place, in *England*, or the Collector of the Land Tax of the County, Stewartry, City, or Place, in *Scotland*, or by the Collector of His Majeſty's Revenue, for the Diſtrict, in *Ireland*, as the Caſe ſhall require, out of any Money in his Hands; and ſuch Receiver General or Collector, reſpectively, ſhall pay the ſame accordingly, in caſe ſuch Order as ſhall be made by ſuch Deputy Lieutenants, at ſuch Subdiviſion Meetings, ſhall be confirmed at a General Meeting in *Great Britain*; and in caſe ſuch Order as ſhall be made by ſuch Deputy Governors, in *Ireland*, and ſhall be confirmed by the Governor or Governors of the County, City, or Place, but not otherwiſe.

Penalty for diſobeying Orders, or obſtructing the Execution of this Act.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Conſtable, Headborough, Tythingman, or other inferior Officer or other Perſon, ſhall diſobey any Orders which ſhall be iſſued in purſuance of this Act, or ſhall obſtruct or hinder the Execution thereof, every ſuch Perſon, upon Conviction of ſuch Offence, before any Juſtice of the Peace, of the County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place, where the Offence ſhall be committed, ſhall forfeit and pay a Sum not leſs than Five Pounds, and not exceeding One hundred Pounds, at the Diſcretion of ſuch Juſtice; and

In Default of immediate Payment thereof, then ſuch Juſtice is hereby required to commit ſuch Offender to the Common Gaol of the County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place where the Offence ſhall be committed, for any Time not exceeding Three Months, and the Monies ariſing by ſuch Penalty ſhall be paid to the Treaſurer of the County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place, where the Offence ſhall be committed, to be applied as Part of the Stock of ſuch County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place.

No Order or Conviction ſhall be removed into any Court, nor Proceedings thereupon ſuperſeded.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Order or Conviction made, in purſuance of this Act, by any Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenant, Governor, Deputy Governor, or Juſtice of the Peace, ſhall be removed by *Certiorari*, Advocation, or Suſpenſion, out of the County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place wherein ſuch Order or Conviction ſhall be made, into any Court whatever; and that no Writ of *Certiorari*, Advocation, or Suſpenſion, ſhall ſuperſede Execution or other Proceedings upon any ſuch Order or Conviction, but that Execution and other Proceedings ſhall be had thereupon, any ſuch Writ or Writs, or Allowance thereof notwithſtanding.

His Majeſty, and the Lord Lieutenant, may authorize Three Deputy Lieutenants, or Governors, to act in the Abſence of the Lieutenant or Governor.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, in *Ireland*, to authorize any Three Deputy Lieutenants, or Three Deputy Governors, of any County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place, in the Abſence from ſuch County, Riding, Stewartry, City, or Place of the Lieutenant or Governors thereof, to do all Acts, Matters, and Things in the Execution of this Act, which might lawfully be done by ſuch Lieutenant or Governors; and the ſame ſhall be good and valid in the Law as if done by ſuch Lieutenants or Governors.

Recovery of Penalties.

XX. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties by this Act impoſed, for Recovery whereof no other Means are hereby provided, ſhall be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, or in *Dublin*, or the Courts of Great Seſſion in the Principality of *Wales*, or the Courts of the Counties Palatine of *Cheſter*, *Lancaſter*, or *Durham*, or in the Court of Seſſion or Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, as the Caſe ſhall require, wherein no Eſſoign, Privilege, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed.

Limitation of Actions.

General Iſſue.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Action ſhall be brought againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Action ſhall be commenced within Three Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and ſhall be laid in the County or Place where the Cauſe of Complaint ſhall ariſe, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall be nonſuited, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgement ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have Treble Coſts, and have the like Remedy for the ſame as any Defendant hath in other Caſes to recover Coſts.

Continuance of Act.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall have Continuance during the preſent Hoſtilities with *France*.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

XXIII. Provided always, That this Act or any of the Proviſions herein contained, may be altered, varied, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be paſſed in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

THE SCHEDULE

to which this Act refers.

FORM of CONVICTION for Diſobedience of Orders, or Obſtruction or Hindrance of the Execution of ſuch Orders.

M to wit. } BE it remembered, That on this Day of in the Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, *A. B.* of is duly convicted before me One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of in purſuance of an Act of the Forty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, [*here ſet forth the Title of this Act*], for that the ſaid *A. B.* on at did contrary to the ſaid Act; wherefore I the ſaid do adjudge that he the ſaid *A. B.* do pay the Sum of as a Penalty for his Offence, in purſuance of the Powers veſted in me by the ſaid Act.

Given under my Hand and Seal this Day of in the Year of our Lord

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