

ANNO QUADRAGESIMO TERTIO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. LXXI.

An Act for augmenting the Number of Field Officers and other Officers of Militia within *Great Britain*.

[4th *July* 1803.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Number of Field Officers and other Officers for the Command of the ſeveral Regiments, Battalions, or Corps of Militia within *Great Britain* ſhould be encreaſed as the Exigency of the Service may require; 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 it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, by any Order ſignified by His Majeſty's Secretary of State, at any Time during the preſent War, to direct the Number of Officers in any Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of Militia in actual Service, to be augmented by the Appointment of ſuch Officers and of ſuch Rank, reſpectively, as the Exigency of the Service may require.

His Majeſty may direct the Number of Officers in any Regiment, &c. to be augmented.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Field Officers of ſuch Regiments or Battalions ſhall in no Caſe exceed the reſpective Numbers and Ranks following, that is to ſay, in any Regiment conſiſting (by Eſtabliſhment) of not leſs than One thouſand Rank and File, One Colonel, Two Lieutenant Colonels, and Two Majors; and in any Regiment or Battalion conſiſting (by Eſtabliſhment) of not leſs than Seven hundred and fifty Rank and File, One Colonel, One Lieutenant Colonel, and Two Majors; and that no Field Officer ſhall be added to any Corps conſiſting (by Eſtabliſhment) of a leſs Number of Rank and File than Seven hundred

Field Officers not to exceed the Numbers and Ranks herein mentioned.

hundred and fifty, except in the Case herein-after specified: Provided also nevertheless, that in case the Colonel of any Regiment or Battalion of Militia, consisting of not less than Four hundred and eighty Private Men, shall be employed on publick Duty out of *Great Britain*, an additional Major may be appointed to such Regiment or Battalion, to serve therewith during the Absence from *Great Britain* of such Colonel as aforesaid.

Lieutenants of Counties, *etc.* to do all such Acts as are necessary for making the Augmentation of Field and other Officers, who shall be entitled to such Pay as those already appointed.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Lieutenants, and also the Deputy Lieutenants, authorized to act in the Stead of the Lieutenants upon the Vacancy of the Office or Absence of the Lieutenants of the several Counties, Ridings, and Places in *Great Britain*, shall proceed forthwith in pursuance of His Majesty's Orders, to do all such Acts as shall be necessary for the Purpose of making such Augmentation of Field Officers and other Officers as aforesaid; and the Persons who shall be so appointed Field Officers and other Officers of any Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of Militia in pursuance of this Act, shall be entitled to such Pay during Service, and to all other Emoluments and Advantages as the Field Officers and other Officers of Militia now appointed of the same Rank respectively, are by Law entitled unto; any Thing in any Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Where Reduction is to be made of the Officers in any Regiment, it shall take place from the youngest of each Rank,

IV. And be it further enacted, That whenever it shall be judged expedient to reduce the Number of Field Officers or of other Officers in any Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of Militia, the Reduction of Officers shall take place from the Youngest of each Rank respectively; and that in case any Officer being duly qualified according to the Directions of an Act passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for amending the Laws relating to the Militia in England, and for augmenting the Militia*; or of another Act passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to raise and establish a Militia Force in* Scotland, shall be so reduced, such Officer shall, notwithstanding such Reduction, be competent to succeed to any Vacancy which may occur in such Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of Militia, of an equal Rank with that which such Officer filled at the Time such Reduction took place, or may fall back again into the Post he quitted on his Promotion, at his Option, preserving his Rank in the general Line of the Militia,

Reduced Officers competent to succeed to Vacancies in their Regiment, &c.

Where a Second Adjutant is appointed to a Regiment, a Brevet Rank of Lieutenant to be given.

V. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where it may be found necessary to appoint a Second Adjutant to any Regiment of Militia, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant of the County, Riding, or Place, to which such Militia shall belong, to grant to such Second Adjutant, unless His Majesty shall disapprove the same, the Rank of Lieutenant by Brevet.

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