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CAP. XXIII.

An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act passed in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for enabling Subjects of Foreign States to enlist as Soldiers in His Majesty's Service; and to indemnify those who have advised His Majesty to land such Soldiers in this Kingdom.

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WHEREAS an Act passed in the Forty-fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for enabling Subjects of Foreign States to enlist as Soldiers in His Majesty's Service; and for enabling His Majesty to grant Commissions to Subjects of Foreign States to serve as Officers or as Engineers, under certain Restrictions; and to indemnify all Persons who may have advised His Majesty to enlist any such Soldiers or grant any such Commissions as aforesaid:* And whereas by the said Act His Majesty was empowered to enlist as Soldiers certain Foreigners, and to form them into Regiments, Battalions, and Corps; provided that there should not be within any Part of the United Kingdom more in the Whole than Ten thousand Men serving in such Regiments, Battalions, or Corps, at any one Time: And whereas a large Number of Foreigners have been enlisted as Soldiers into His Majesty's Service in Foreign Parts, and it has become necessary and been found expedient to land such Foreign Soldiers in this Kingdom, whereby the whole Number 44 G. 3. c. 75.

of Foreigners now ſerving in this Kingdom amount to more than the Number of Ten thouſand Men allowed by the ſaid recited Act, and it is proper that thoſe who have adviſed His Majeſty to land the ſame in this Kingdom ſhould be indemnified; 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 the Authority of the ſame, That all ſuch Foreign Soldiers as have been already enliſted into His Majeſty's Service, over and above the ſaid Number of Ten thouſand Men, ſhall be deemed and taken to have been and to be legally and effectually enliſted; and all Commiſſions or Letters of Service as have been already granted by His Majeſty to any Foreign Officers in Regiments, Battalions, or Corps, in which any ſuch Men ſhall have been enliſted, ſhall be deemed and taken to have been and to be legally and effectually granted, and ſhall remain and continue in force in like Manner in all Reſpects as if ſuch Soldiers had been enliſted, and ſuch Commiſſions or Letters of Service had been granted, after the paſſing and under the Proviſions of this Act; and every Perſon who may have adviſed His Majeſty to enliſt ſuch Soldiers and to grant ſuch Commiſſions or Letters of Service as aforeſaid, and to land ſuch Soldiers in this Kingdom, and to have above the Number of Ten thouſand Men in the Whole of ſuch Foreigners, ſerving at any one Time within the United Kingdom, is hereby fully indemnified.

Foreign Soldiers although exceeding 10,000 to be deemed legally inliſted.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, from Time to Time, to augment ſuch Regiments, Battalions, or Corps, ſo already formed as aforeſaid, and to form any other Regiments, Battalions, or Corps, and to that End to enliſt as Soldiers to ſerve in any ſuch Regimenrs, Battalions, or Corps, any Foreigners who ſhall voluntarily enter themſelves as Soldiers to ſerve therein: Provided always, that there ſhall not be within any Part of the United Kingdom more in the Whole than Sixteen thouſand Men of ſuch Foreign Soldiers ſerving in ſuch Regiments, Battalions, or Corps at any one Time.

His Majeſty, may augment the Number to 16,000 Men.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Proviſions and Regulations in the ſaid recited Act, ſo far as the ſame are applicable, ſhall be applied and put in force in reſpect of the Sixteen thouſand Men ſo allowed to ſerve as aforeſaid by this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame were ſeverally and ſeparately repeated and re-enacted in and made Part of this Act: Provided always, that all Officers, Non-commiſſioned Officers, Drummers, or private Soldiers, ſerving under the Proviſions of this Act, ſhall be ſubject to all and every the Proviſions and Regulations contained in an Act, paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters*; and to all ſuch Articles of War as have been, or ſhall be eſtabliſhed by His Majeſty in purſuance of the Power veſted in him for that Purpoſe by the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, or by any Act of Parliament which may hereafter be paſſed, in the ſame Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as any of His Majeſty's regular Forces are now ſubject to the ſame.

Proviſions of recited Act to extend to this Act; and ſuch Foreign Soldiers ſhall be ſubject to the Mutiny Act.

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IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed, by any Act or Acts to be made in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament. Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall continue in force during the preſent War, and until One Year after the Termination thereof, by the Ratification of a Definitive Treaty of Peace, and no longer. Continuance of Act.

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