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CAP. XXXIX.

An Act for increaſing the Rates of Subſiſtence to be paid to Innkeepers and others on quartering Soldiers. [14th *April* 1808.]

Mutiny Act recited.

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

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

Small Beer in Quarters in England;

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 Half-penny 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 Half-penny *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 1s. 2d. 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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Regulations reſpecting Recruiting Parties and Recruits on their March.

Continuance of Act.

X. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall have Continuance from the Twenty-fourth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and eight until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and nine.

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