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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXIV.

An Act to amend an Act, passed in the last Session of Parliament, for completing the Militia of *Great Britain*; and to make further Provision for completing the said Militia. [18th *April* 1810.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for completing the Militia of* Great Britain, Provision is made for placing the Men which shall be raised by Beat of Drum for the Regular Militia, to fill up Vacancies occasioned by Men having enlisted into the Line, in the Order and Succession to be fixed by Ballot in the Form prescribed by the said recited Act; and Provision is also made for apportioning, before any Ballot shall take place, the Men actually enrolled and so entered as aforesaid, and the Deficiencies to be supplied; but no Provision is made by the said Act for placing the Men which shall be raised by Beat of Drum over and above any Number which may have enlisted into the Line; 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 the Deputy Lieutenants of the several Counties, Ridings, Shires, Stewartries, Cities, and Places in *England* and *Scotland* respectively, and they are hereby required at any General Meetings which shall be held, relating to the Regular Militia, or which shall be assembled, and which General Meetings are hereby required to be assembled in case it shall be necessary, 49 G. 3. c. 53.

Deputy Lieutenants to apportion the Men raised by Beat of Drum and Men raised by Ballot among the Parishes.

neceſſary, to apportion and diſtribute any ſuch Exceſs of Men raiſed by Beat of Drum over and above the Number of Vacancies occaſioned by enliſting into the Line, and it ſhall be lawful for the Deputy Lieutenants at any General Meetings to be held for that Purpoſe, to alter from Time to Time any ſuch Apportionments, and make new and further Apportionments or Diſtributions, and place any Men ſo apportioned or diſtributed or applied as aforeſaid to any other Pariſhes, in caſe it ſhall appear to be neceſſary for the making a juſt Diſtribution of the Men ſo raiſed by Beat of Drum as aforeſaid; and all ſuch Apportionments and Diſtributions ſhall be made among the ſeveral Pariſhes either by Ballot and entering upon Liſts of the Names of the Pariſhes or otherwiſe, and in any ſuch Manner as ſhall appear to the Deputy Lieutenants at any ſuch Meeting moſt effectually to produce an equal and juſt Diſtribution of the Men raiſed by Beat of Drum among the Pariſhes, and Apportionment of Men to be raiſed by Ballot under the ſaid Act; and the Men entered and placed to any Pariſhes under any ſuch Diſtribution or Apportionment ſhall thenceforth be deemed to belong to ſuch Pariſhes, as to Relief of the Families of ſuch Men, or thereafter ſupplying of any Vacancies, in like Manner as if ſuch Men had been provided as Subſtitutes or Volunteers for ſuch Pariſhes reſpectively.

Proviſions in Mutiny Act as to enliſting to extend to the raiſing of Men by Beat of Drum for the Militia.

II. And whereas Doubts have ariſen whether the Proviſions contained in any Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, in relation to the enliſting of Soldiers for His Majeſty's Service apply to the enliſting of Men by Beat of Drum for the Regular Militia; be it therefore enacted, That all the Proviſions contained in any Act of Parliament in Force for the Puniſhment of Mutiny and Deſertion, and the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters, in relation to the enliſting any Men for His Majeſty's Army, ſhall, as far as the ſame can be made applicable to the Men enliſted for the Regular Militia, be applied and uſed, and put in full Force by all Juſtices of the Peace and others, and all Perſons authorized to raiſe Men by Beat of Drum for the Militia, and preventing Frauds and abſconding by Perſons enliſted, and for the Protection of Perſons having haſtily enliſted, as fully and effectually as if all ſuch Proviſions were repeated and re-enacted as to the raiſing Men by Beat of Drum for the Regular Militia.

How Families of Perſons raiſed by Beat of Drum ſhall be relieved.

III. And be it further enacted, That Families of all Perſons raiſed by Beat of Drum and enrolled in the Regular Militia, if entitled to Relief, ſhall be relieved by the Overſeers of the Poor of the Pariſhes where they reſide at the Time of the Man enliſting into the Militia, and ſuch Pariſhes ſhall be repaid the Amount of ſuch Relief by the Pariſh to which ſuch Man ſhall be placed, in like Manner as any Sum given for the Relief of Families of Militia Men are repaid to Pariſhes having advanced the ſame under any Act relating to the Militia.

Proviſions of Mutiny Act relating to Apprentices to extend to Militia.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all the Proviſions contained in any Act in force for the Puniſhment of Mutiny or Deſertion and the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters, in Relation to the enliſting of Apprentices and the claiming Apprentices by their Maſters, and the Puniſhment of any Apprentices, and their Liability to Service after the Expiration of the Indentures, and all other Proviſions in any ſuch Act in Relation to Apprentices or their Maſters, ſhall from and after the paſſing of this Act extend or be conſtrued to extend to all Apprentices who ſhall

enlist or enrol themselves as Substitutes or Volunteers in the Regular Militia, and to the Masters of such Apprentices, as fully and effectually as if the same were severally and separately repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

Act may be altered or repealed this Session.

V. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered, varied, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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