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An Act for enabling the Wives and Families of Soldiers embarked for Foreign Service, to return to their Homes. [26th *June* 1811.]

WHEREAS great Inconvenience and Expence is incurred by Pariſhes in which Barracks are ſituated, and from whence Regiments embark when ordered on Foreign Service, from the Wives and Children of the Soldiers ſo embarking for Foreign Service being left to return to the Place of their Reſidence or Settlement, and they often ſpend the Money given to them for the Purpoſe of enabling them ſo to return, and become burthenſome to the Pariſh; and it is therefore expedient that Proviſion ſhould be made for enabling ſuch Wives and Children to return to their Homes, or for paſſing them as Vagrants to their Places of Reſidence or Settlement in caſe of Miſconduct; 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 upon any Regiment, Battalion, Corps, or Detachment, being embarked for Foreign Service, the Commanding Officers thereof ſhall cauſe a Liſt or Liſts to be made out of all the Wives and Children of the Soldiers belonging to ſuch Regiment, Battalion, Corps, or Detachment, to be left at the Place of Embarkation, who are deſirous of claiming the Allowance authorized by this Act, for the Purpoſe of enabling them to return to their Homes or Places of Settlement, either in One Liſt for the Regiment, Battalion, Corps, or Detachment, or ſeparate Liſts for each Company; and ſhall give to every ſuch Wife a Duplicate of ſuch Part of ſuch Liſt as ſhall

On any Regiment, &c. embarking for Service, the Commanding Officer to make out Liſt of Wives and Children of Soldiers to be left at the Place of Embarkation, and ſhall give to each Wife a Duplicate properly certified.

apply to each Wife and her Family of Children respectively, certifying thereon under his Hand, that the Person to whom such Certificate is given is the Wife or reputed Wife of a Soldier in his Regiment, Battalion, Corps, or Detachment; and he shall transmit such List or Lists so made out to the Secretary at War.

Duplicate to be shewn to a Magistrate, who shall make out Route and give a Certificate.

II. And be it further enacted, That each Wife to whom any such Duplicate shall have been delivered as aforesaid shall forthwith take the same to some neighbouring Justice or Magistrate, who shall make out a Route for her, and fill up and sign a Certificate specifying the Place to which such Woman is going, and her Route, that she may receive such Allowances as are authorized by this Act, not exceeding Two-pence *per* Mile.

Overseer, upon Production of the Certificate, to pay her an Allowance at so much per Mile to the next Place.

III. And be it further enacted, That upon Production of such Certificate to any Overseer of the Poor of any Place through which such Woman shall pass, he shall, out of any Money in his Hands applicable to the Relief of the Poor, pay her an Allowance not exceeding the Rate *per* Mile specified in such Certificate as aforesaid, for the Number of Miles to the next City, Town, or Place to which she may be going, not exceeding Eighteen Miles, and he shall indorse on such Certificate the Money so paid, and take a Receipt from the Woman signed with her Hand or with her Mark, specifying the Regiment, Battalion, Corps or Detachment, to which her Husband belongs, so as that the Description on the Receipt may correspond with the Description in the Certificate so produced to him as aforesaid.

Overseers to be repaid by Collector of Excise, and Money advanced for the Purpose from the Excise to be repaid by War Office.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Sum so advanced by such Overseer shall, upon Production and Delivery of such Receipt to the Collector of Excise of the District within which such Overseer acts as such, or any Person officiating for such Collector, be repaid to such Overseer for the Use of the Fund for the Relief of the Poor, by such Collector of Excise or other Person, out of any Public Monies in his Hands, and the same shall be allowed in his Accounts; and such Overseer shall give a Receipt for the Money so paid to such Collector or other Person, and such Receipt of the Overseer, together with the Receipt of the Woman, shall be taken as Cash in the Payment of Duties of Excise received by such Collector, and all Sums of Money so advanced out of any Duties of Excise, shall be repaid by the Agents of the Regiments to which the Soldiers belong whose Wives and Families have been so relieved, or by any other Person to be appointed for that Purpose by the Secretary at War, to such Person or Persons as shall be authorized by the Commissioners of Excise in *England* or *Scotland* respectively, to draw for or receive the same, for or on Account of the said Duties.

At last Place of receiving Allowance, Certificate to be delivered up to Overseer, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That every such Woman shall at the last Place of her receiving any Allowance under this Act, antecedent to her Arrival at her Home or Place of Settlement, deliver up such Certificate to the Overseer of the Poor advancing such Allowance, who shall deliver the same to the Collector of Excise, and the same shall be, by such Collector of Excise, transmitted to the War Office.

VI. And

VI. And be it further enacted, That Wives of Soldiers not complying with the Regulations hereinbefore prescribed shall be treated as Vagrants, and may be passed as such to their Homes, either in *England*, *Ireland*, or *Scotland* respectively, as the Case may be. Women not complying with Regulations may be treated as Vagrants.

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