

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO PRIMO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CXVIII.

An Act to permit the Interchange of the *Britiſh* and *Iriſh* Militias reſpectively. [1ſt *July* 1811.]

WHEREAS it would materially conduce to the better Defence and Security of the United Kingdom if the Services of the preſent Regular Militia of *Great Britain* and the Militia Force of *Ireland* were extended to all Parts of the United Kingdom; 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 Perſons who may be commiſſioned, raiſed, and enrolled in and for the regular Militia of *Great Britain*, or in and for the Militia of *Ireland*, at any Time after the paſſing of this Act, whether by Ballot or otherwiſe, under any Act now in force, or which may hereafter be in force for raiſing Men for the ſaid Militia, ſhall be liable to ſerve in all Parts of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; any Thing contained in any Act relating to the ſaid Militias reſpectively to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Men raiſed for the Militia ſhall be liable to ſerve in any Part of the United Kingdom.

II. And be it further enacted, That after the paſſing of this Act ſo much of the Act paſſed in the Forty-ſecond Year of His preſent Majeſty intituled, *An Act for amending the Laws relating to the Militia in* England, *and for augmenting the Militia*; ſo much of another Act paſſed in the Forty-ſecond Year, intituled, *An Act to raiſe and eſtabliſh a Militia Force in* Scotland; and ſo much of an Act paſſed in the Forty-ninth Year of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for amending and reducing into one Act*

Oaths on Enrolment of ballotted Men and Subſtitutes by 42 G. 3. c. 90. 42 G. 3. c. 91. 49 G. 3. c. 120. repealed, and others to be taken.

Act of Parliament the ſeveral Laws for raiſing and training the Militia of Ireland, reſpectively, as preſcribe the Form of Oaths to be taken by Perſons ballotted, and by Subſtitutes and Volunteers raiſed under thoſe reſpective Acts, ſhall be repealed; and inſtead thereof every Perſon who ſhall be raiſed by Ballot for the Militia in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, under any Acts in force at the paſſing of this Act, or under any future Act, and appearing and ſerving in Perſon, ſhall take the following Oath:

Oath of ballotted Men.

'I *A. B.* do ſincerely promiſe and ſwear, That I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majeſty King *George*, and that I will faithfully ſerve in the Militia in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Defence of the ſame during the Time of Five Years for which I am enrolled, unleſs I ſhall be ſooner diſcharged.'

And every Perſon raiſed under any of the ſaid Acts, either as a Subſtitute, hired Man, or Volunteer, or otherwiſe than by Ballot, ſhall take the following Oath:

Oath of Subſtitute or Volunteer.

'I *A. B.* do ſincerely promiſe and ſwear, That I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majeſty King *George*, and that I will faithfully ſerve in the Militia in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Defence of the ſame, during the Time of Five Years, or for ſuch further Time as the Militia ſhall remain embodied, if within the Space of Five Years His Majeſty ſhall order and direct the Militia to be drawn out and embodied, unleſs I ſhall be ſooner diſcharged.'

The following Oath to be taken on appointment of Non-commiſſioned Officers and Drummers.

III. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon who ſhall be appointed to ſerve as a Serjeant, Corporal, or Drummer in the Militia to be eſtabliſhed under this Act for extended Service, inſtead of the Oath directed to be taken by any of the ſaid recited Acts, by Serjeants, Corporals, and Drummers in the Militia, ſhall take the following Oath:

Oath.

'I *A. B.* do ſincerely promiſe and ſwear, That I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majeſty King *George*, and that I will faithfully ſerve in the Militia in any Part of the United Kingdom for the Defence of the ſame until I ſhall be legally diſcharged.'

Militia under this Act to be raiſed as under the former Acts for raiſing the Engliſh, Scotch, and Iriſh Militia.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the regular Militia to be raiſed under this Act in *England* and *Scotland*, and the Militia of *Ireland*, ſhall reſpectively be raiſed under the Proviſions contained in the ſaid recited Acts of the Forty-ſecond Year aforeſaid, and in the ſaid Act of the Forty-ninth Year aforeſaid, and in every other Act or Acts relative to the Militias of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, ſo far as the ſame or any of them were in force immediately before the paſſing of this Act, and are not hereby altered; and all Powers and Proviſions, Clauſes, Matters, and Things contained in the ſaid ſeveral laſt-mentioned Acts ſhall, as far as the ſame were in force immediately before the paſſing of this Act, and are applicable, and are not hereby altered or repealed, be in force for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and ſhall reſpectively relate to the Militia to be ſo raiſed in *England*, and *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, for Service in the United Kingdom, as if the ſame were expreſsly re-enacted and contained herein: Provided always, that nothing in this Act ſhall be conſtrued to extend the Proviſions of any Acts which relate only to the Militia of *England* or *Scotland* reſpectively, to the Militia to be raiſed in *Ireland*, nor any of the Proviſions of any Act which

relates to the Militia of *Ireland* only, to the Militia to be raised in *England* or *Scotland*.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Powers, Provisions, Clauses, Matters and Things contained in an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for consolidating and amending the several Laws for providing Relief for the Families of Militia Men of* England, *when called out into actual Service*; and in another Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for providing Relief for the Wives and Families of the Militia Men in* Scotland, *when called into actual Service*; and in another Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to make Provision, in certain Cases, for the Wives and Families of ballotted Men, Substitutes, and Volunteers serving in the Militia of* Ireland, or in any other Acts relative to granting Relief to the Wives and Families of Persons serving in the Militias of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland* respectively, shall, as far as the same relate to Allowances to the Wives and Families of ballotted Men be in force, and respectively relate to the Wives and Families of Persons to be hereafter ballotted to serve, and thereupon personally serving in the Militias of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* under the Provisions of this Act or any future Act: Provided always, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to extend any of the Provisions of any of the said last-mentioned Acts, which relate exclusively to the Wives and Families of Persons serving in the Militia of one of the said Parts of the United Kingdom to the Wives and Families of Persons to be hereafter raised in either of the said other Parts of the United Kingdom for Service in the United Kingdom.

Provisions in 43 G. 3. c. 47. 49 G. 3. c. 90. 49 G. 3. c. 86. relative to granting Relief to Families of Militia Men extended to Families of Persons raised under this Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Force to be raised in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, in Manner aforesaid, for extended Service, shall be called "The Militia of the United Kingdom;" and the Parts of it to be raised in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, shall be respectively entitled to the same Rank, Privileges and Exemptions, civil, military, and religious, and subject to the same Rules and Regulations, as the said Militias now are respectively entitled or subject to under any Act or Acts now in force relating to the Militia of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament whatsoever respectively.

Force so raised to be called The Militia of the United Kingdom.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all commissioned Officers of the said Militias, whose Service shall become extended to all Parts of the United Kingdom by virtue of this Act, who shall be disabled in actual Service, shall be entitled to Half-pay according to their Ranks; and all Non-commissioned Officers, Drummers, and Private Men of such Force so disabled, shall be entitled to the Benefit of *Chelsea* Hospital, and the Widows of all such commissioned Officers killed in Service, shall be entitled to receive such Pensions for Life as are given to Widows of Officers in His Majesty's Regular Forces.

Officers disabled, entitled to Half-pay; Non-commissioned Officers, &c. to Chelsea Hospital; and Widows of Officers to Pensions.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That no Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of *British* or *Irish* Militia shall continue to serve in *Ireland* or *Great Britain* respectively, for any longer Period than Two Years successively; and that no greater Number than One Fourth Part of the Militia of *Great Britain* shall at any one Time be employed in *Ireland*, nor any greater Number than One Third Part of the Militia of *Ireland* be at one Time employed in

Limiting the Period for which Regiments of British or Irish Militia are to serve in Ireland or

Great Britain respectively.

in *Great Britain*: Provided always, that in case of any actual Invasion or Rebellion of and in any Part of the United Kingdom, it shall be lawful for His Majesty to employ in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, any Number of the said Militias of either Part of the United Kingdom which he may deem necessary for defeating or suppressing any such Invasion or Rebellion, or to retain in either Part of the United Kingdom during the Continuance of such Rebellion or Invasion, any Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of the said Militias of either Part of the United Kingdom, although such Regiment, Battalion or Corps may have previously to the Suppression of such Rebellion or Invasion served its full Period of Two Years in the other Part of the United Kingdom; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that so soon as any such Invasion or Rebellion shall have been defeated or suppressed (the same to be signified by His Majesty's Proclamation) every Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of Militia which shall then have served its full Period of Two Years shall return to that Part of the United Kingdom for which it was originally serving.

Regiments of British or Irish Militia having once served in One Part of the United Kingdom not to serve there again but in Rotation.

IX. And be it further enacted, That no Regiment, Battalion or Corps of *British* or *Irish* Militia, having once performed its Period of Service in *Ireland* or *Great Britain* respectively, shall be again liable to serve in *Ireland* or *Great Britain* respectively, until the Expiration of Six or Four Years respectively, to be calculated from the Termination of such Period of Service: Provided always, that in case of any actual Invasion or Rebellion of or in any Part of the United Kingdom, it shall be lawful for His Majesty to employ in any Part of the United Kingdom any Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of *British* or *Irish* Militia, although such Period of Six or Four Years respectively may not have elapsed since the Termination of its last Period of Service in *Ireland* or *Great Britain* respectively.

Militia not to serve in Ireland or Great Britain until His Majesty's Pleasure shall have been signified.

X. And be it further enacted, That no Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of the Militia of *Great Britain* shall be called upon to serve in *Ireland*, nor any Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of *Irish* Militia shall be called upon to serve in *Great Britain*, until His Majesty's Pleasure shall have been signified by the Secretary of State, or by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, as the Case may be.

His Majesty empowered to employ, in any Part of the United Kingdom, any Part of the present Militia Force of Great Britain or Ireland making a voluntary Offer to serve.

XI. And whereas it is expedient that His Majesty should be empowered, in the mean Time and until the Militia of the United Kingdom shall have been raised and enrolled by virtue of this Act, to avail Himself of such voluntary Offers as may from Time to Time be made by any Regiments, Battalions and Corps of Militia of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively, or by any Part or Parts of the same, to extend their Services into all Parts of the United Kingdom, for the better Protection and Defence thereof; be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty to employ in any Part of the United Kingdom, under the Regulations and Restrictions and in the Proportions specified in this Act, such Part of the present Regular Militia of *Great Britain*, and the Militia of *Ireland* respectively, as may make a voluntary Offer, duly certified by their respective Commanding Officers, of extending their Services to all Parts of the United Kingdom, and as His Majesty may think proper to permit to extend their Services in consequence of such voluntary Offers as aforesaid; and it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order signed by the Principal Secretary of State, or by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ire-*

land, or by his or their Chief Secretary, directed to the Commanding Officer of any Regiment, Battalion or Corps of the said Militia Forces of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, to propose to such Regiment, Battalion or Corps, or any Part or Parts thereof, to extend their Services to all Parts of the United Kingdom, under such Rules and Regulations as His Majesty may think fit to appoint.

Bounty of 2l. 2s. to Persons making voluntary Offers.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty to direct that a Bounty not exceeding Two Guineas shall be allowed to every Non-commissioned Officer, Drummer, and Private Man who shall make such voluntary Offer as aforesaid; and that every Private Man making such voluntary Offer as aforesaid, shall, if he shall have been originally chosen by Ballot to serve in the Militia, take the following Oath; *videlicet*,

'I *A. B.* do sincerely promise and swear, That I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King *George*, and that I will faithfully serve in the Militia in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Defence of the same, during the Remainder of the Term for which I was enrolled to serve in the Militia within *Great Britain* [or, *Ireland, as the Case may be*] unless I shall be sooner discharged.'

And every such Man shall be then and there enrolled to serve in the Militia of the United Kingdom as a Private Militia Man, until the Expiration of the Period for which he was originally enrolled to serve in the Militia of *Great Britain*, (or *Ireland*, as the Case may be;) and every Private Man making such voluntary Offer as aforesaid, who shall have been originally enrolled to serve as a Substitute, hired Man, or Volunteer, shall be enrolled to serve in the Militia of the United Kingdom for the Remainder of the Time for which he was originally enrolled to serve in the Militia of *Great Britain* (or *Ireland*, as the Case may be) or for such further Time as the Militia may remain embodied; and shall take the following Oath; *videlicet*,

'I *A. B.* do sincerely promise and swear, That I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King *George*, and that I will faithfully serve in the Militia of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Defence of the same, during the Remainder of the Time for which I have been enrolled to serve in the Militia within *Great Britain* (or, *Ireland*, as the Case may be,) or for such further Time as the Militia may remain embodied, unless I shall be sooner discharged.'

And every Non-commissioned Officer and Drummer making such voluntary Offer as aforesaid, shall also be enrolled to serve in the Militia of the United Kingdom, and shall take the Oaths herein-before directed to be taken by all Non-commissioned Officers and Drummers who may hereafter be enrolled to serve in the Militia of the United Kingdom by virtue of this Act; and such several Enrolments shall take place, and such Oaths shall be administered, at such Times and under such Regulations, as His Majesty, by any Order to be signed by the Secretary of State or by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or his or their Secretary shall in that Behalf direct or appoint.

Commanding Officer shall explain to the Men that

XIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person serving in the said Militia of either Part of the United Kingdom shall be compelled to make such Offer, or be engaged to serve out of that Part of the United Kingdom

their Offer is to be voluntary.

dom for which he is enrolled and ſerving, except by his own Conſent; and no Commanding Officer ſhall certify according to this Act any voluntary Offer previouſly to his having explained to every Perſon of the Militia offering ſo to ſerve, that the Offer is to be purely voluntary on his Part.

Proviſions of this Act to apply to Perſons making a voluntary Offer of extending their Services.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all Proviſions, Rules, and Regulations contained in this Act, relating to Perſons who may hereafter be commiſſioned, raiſed, and enrolled in the Militia of the United Kingdom, ſhall be applicable to all Perſons now ſerving in the regular Militia of *Great Britain* or the Militia Force of *Ireland* reſpectively, who may make a Voluntary Offer of extending their Services to all Parts of the United Kingdom in Manner aforeſaid.

Act may be altered or repealed this Seſſion.

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

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