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CAP. CXX.

An Act to explain, amend, and extend the Provisions of an Act, passed in the last Session of Parliament, for enabling the Wives and Families of Soldiers to return to their Homes, to the Widows, Wives, and Families of Soldiers dying or employed on Foreign Service. [13th *July* 1812.]

WHEREAS the Wives and Widows and Children of Soldiers on Foreign Service often return from Foreign Parts on account of the Death of their Husbands, or from other Causes, and, upon being landed in the Country, are destitute of any Means of returning to their respective Homes: And whereas it is expedient that the Provisions of an Act, passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for enabling the Wives and Families of Soldiers embarked for Foreign Service to return to their Homes*, should be extended for the Relief of Persons so circumstanced; and that the said Act should be in other respects amended; 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 when any Wives, Widows, or Children of Soldiers employed on Foreign Service shall return to *Great Britain*, the Officer commanding the Regiment, Battalion, or Corps, to which the Husband or Father of any such Woman or Child do or did belong,

51 G. 3. c. 106.

When any Wives, &c. of Soldiers return from Abroad, Certificates to be

given by the Commanding Officer, &c. or if they land without ſuch Certificate, by the neareſt General Officer, which ſhall entitle them to receive the Allowance.

belong, ſhall give her a Certificate ſtating that the Perſon to whom ſuch Certificate is given is or was the Wife of, and her Child or Children is or are the Child or Children of a Soldier in his Regiment, Battalion, Corps, or Detachment, in like Form and Manner as the Certificates given by Officers commanding Corps to the Wives and Families of Soldiers embarking for Foreign Service under the Direction of the ſaid recited Act; and if any Women, the Wives or Widows of Soldiers on Foreign Service, or their Children, ſhall land at any Place in *Great Britain* without having ſuch Certificates as are enacted by this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the General Officer commanding at the neareſt Place to that where they ſhall ſo land, and he is hereby required, upon Application made to him, to give any ſuch Woman applying for it ſuch Certificate as aforeſaid, which ſhall entitle her to the Allowance for herſelf and her Children (if any) granted by this Act; and every ſuch Widow or Wife ſhall, upon any Certificate granted under this Act, receive ſuch Allowances for herſelf and Family as are allowed, granted, and directed by the ſaid recited Act, upon Certificates granted by Officers commanding Corps, in reſpect of Wives and Families of Soldiers embarking for Foreign Service, in like Manner as if ſuch Allowances were ſpecially granted by this Act, and as if all the Rules and Regulations for the giving, regulating, paying, and accounting for and returning the ſame, were ſpecially and particularly re-enacted in this Act.

Certificates to be ſhewn to a Magiſtrate, who ſhall make out a Route and give a Certificate, which ſhall entitle them to an Allowance.

II. And be it further enacted, That every Widow or Wife of any Soldier to whom any ſuch Certificate ſhall have been delivered, as is directed by the ſaid recited Act or this Act, ſhall forthwith take the ſame to ſome Juſtice of the Peace, or Magiſtrate, who ſhall make out a Route and fill up and ſign a Certificate ſpecifying the Place to which ſuch Widow or Wife and Family is going, ſpecifying the Number of Children; and it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice of the Peace or Magiſtrate, in lieu and inſtead of the Rate of Allowance directed by the ſaid recited Act, to direct any ſuch Allowance as he ſhall deem neceſſary, not exceeding Three Halfpence *per* Mile for each ſuch Woman, and One Penny *per* Mile for each of her Children; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act authorizing a Rate of Allowance to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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