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CAP. LV.

An Act for fixing the Rates of Subsistence to be paid to Innkeepers and others on quartering Soldiers. [18th *May* 1814.]

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, it is enacted, that Officers and Soldiers shall be furnished with Diet and Small Beer upon paying and allowing for the same the several Rates that are or shall be established by any Act or Acts of Parliament; and an Option is given to Innholders and others, upon whom Officers and Soldiers are quartered and billetted, to furnish certain Articles *gratis*, in lieu of Diet and Small Beer, and it is just and expedient that an adequate Allowance shall be made and established for Provision and other Articles furnished to Officers and Soldiers: May it the[illegible]ease Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the [illegible]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 Officers or Private Soldiers shall be quartered and billetted by virtue of the said Act, shall pay and allow for the same the Sum of Fourteen-

Mutiny Act c. 25, recited.

Allowance of 1s. 2d. for the Diet of Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers.

Fourteen-pence *per Diem*; and that for such Allowance of Fourteen-pence the Innholder or other Person shall furnish One Meal; *videlicet*, a hot Dinner if required in each Day, to each Non-commissioned Officer, Trumpeter, Drummer, and Private Soldier quartered and billetted on him, to consist of such Quantities of Diet and Small Beer as have been or shall be specified and fixed in and by any Regulations made or to be made from Time to Time by His Majesty in that Behalf, but not to exceed One Pound and a Quarter of Meat previous to being dressed, One Pound of Bread, One Pound of Potatoes or other Vegetables previous to being cooked, and Two Pints of Small Beer, and Vinegar, Salt, and Pepper; and that the Accounts of the same shall be rendered, and Payment thereof made, in like Manner as is directed by the said Act.

Further Allowance of One Half-penny per Diem.

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 Rate 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; which Sum of One Half-penny *per Diem* shall be accounted for and paid in like Manner as is directed touching the Rate 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.

Regulation with respect to dieting Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers on their March.

IV. 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 Rate 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 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.

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

V. 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

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.

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

VI. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That if any Regiment, Troop, Company, or Detachment, when on the March, ſhall be halted, either for a limited or indefinitive 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.

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.

VII. 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 entire 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.

Regulations reſpecting Recruiting Parties and Recruits on their March.

VIII. 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 Rates 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.

Continuance of Act.

IX. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall have Continuance and be in force from the Twenty-fourth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen; and that all Payments which have been made, and all Acts, Matters, and Things done in purſuance of or in conformity with the Proviſions thereof, ſhall be as good, valid and effectual to all

Intents and Purpoſes as if this Act had paſſed before the ſaid Twenty-fourth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and fourteen.

Act may be altered this Seſſion.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act may be altered and varied by any Act to be made in this Seſſion of Parliament.

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