

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO QUINTO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. CLXVIII.

An Act to explain and amend the Laws relating to the Militias of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.

[11th *July* 1815.]

WHEREAS Doubts have arisen whether Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, or Private Men, in the Militia, can be tried or punished after the Expiration of Periods of Training and Exercising, or after the Militia shall be disembodied, for any Offence committed against any Act in force for the Punishment of Mutiny and Desertion, or the Articles of War made in pursuance thereof, during the Period of such Regiment being assembled for Training and Exercise, or of such Regiment being embodied, and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed; 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 every Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, Drummer, and Private Man of the Militia of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, who shall, during the Period of the Regiment, Battalion, or Corps to which he shall belong being assembled for Training and Exercise, or being embodied, have been guilty of any Offence against any Act of Parliament in force for the Punishment of Mutiny and Desertion, or any Articles of War made in pursuance thereof, may be tried by any General or Regimental Court-martial, consisting of Officers of the Militia, and if found guilty may be punished for such Offence, although the Regiment, Battalion, or Corps to which such Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, Drummer, or Private Man shall belong, shall have been dismissed after Training and Exercise, or shall have been

Offences committed, while Militia are assembled for Training, or embodied, may be afterwards tried by Court-martial.

been diſembodied, in like Manner as any Officer, Non-commiſſioned Officer, Drummer, or Private Man may be tried and puniſhed during the Period of ſuch Regiment, Battalion, or Corps being aſſembled for Training and Exerciſe, or embodied.

But Charges to be made out and delivered within Six Months after Training, or being diſembodied.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no ſuch Officer, Non-commiſſioned Officer, Drummer, or Private, ſhall be liable to be tried or puniſhed for any ſuch Offence committed during the Period of any ſuch Regiment, Battalion, or Corps being aſſembled for the Purpoſe of Training and Exerciſe, or embodied, unleſs the Charges againſt ſuch Officer, Non-commiſſioned Officer, or Drummer, or Private Man, ſhall have been made out and delivered within Six Months after the Regiment, Battalion, or Corps ſhall have been diſmiſſed after Training and Exerciſing, or diſembodied.

General Courts-martial may be appointed, as if Militia were embodied.

III. And be it further enacted, That whenſoever in any of the ſaid Caſes it ſhall be neceſſary that a General Court-martial ſhould be held for any ſuch Trial, it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty to ſignify His Pleaſure to ſuch and ſo many Lieutenants of Counties, Ridings, Stewartries, Shires, or Places in *Great Britain* as His Majeſty ſhall deem neceſſary, that Officers of their reſpective Counties will be required to aſſemble to form ſuch Court, and every ſuch Lieutenant ſhall thereupon give Orders to ſuch Number of Officers as ſhall be required, who ſhall forthwith attend to form ſuch Court, and that every ſuch General Court-martial for the Trial of any Officer, Non-commiſſioned Officer, Drummer, or Private Man of the Militia of *Ireland*, ſhall be appointed in the ſame Manner, and by and under the ſame Orders and Authority in all Reſpects, as if that Part of the Militia of the United Kingdom which ſhall have been raiſed and levied in *Ireland* were there drawn out and embodied as aforeſaid; and all Officers who ſhall refuſe or neglect to attend any ſuch Courts-martial, ſhall be liable to be tried by a General Court-martial, to be aſſembled according to the Regulations of this Act, for ſuch Diſobedience of Orders; and all Officers attending to form ſuch Courts ſhall be entitled to Pay during ſuch Attendance, and to Two Shillings for every Mile for going to ſuch Court-martial at the Commencement thereof, and returning after the Concluſion of the Proceedings of the Court; and every General Court-martial ſo appointed ſhall be ſworn and held in the ſame Manner as if the ſaid reſpective Militias were drawn out and embodied at the Time of holding the ſaid Court-martial, and every ſuch Court-martial ſhall have all ſuch and the like Powers and Authorities, and ſhall be of the ſame Force and Effect in all Reſpects as if the Militia from which the Officers thereof are aſſembled was then drawn out and embodied.

Pay and Allowance to Officers.

Regimental Courts martial may be appointed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That for holding a Regimental Court-martial in any of the ſaid Caſes for which ſuch Court-martial ſhall be proper, it ſhall be lawful for the Colonel of the Regiment or Battalion to appoint any Place which he ſhall think proper, within the County, City, Town, or Diſtrict to which ſuch Regiment or Battalion ſhall belong, and to order any Officers of ſuch Regiment or Battalion to attend and aſſiſt as Members of ſuch Court-martial, who ſhall thereupon attend at the Time required, and aſſiſt accordingly; and in Default of ſuch Attendance ſhall be liable to be tried by a General Court-martial to be aſſembled purſuant to the

Regulations of this Act, for ſuch Diſobedience of Orders, and the Officers who ſhall be Members of ſuch Court-martial ſhall be entitled to the ſame Pay and Allowances as Officers who ſhall be Members of any General Court-martial, under the Authority of this Act.

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