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An Act for fixing the Rates of Subſiſtence to be paid to Innkeepers and others on quartering Soldiers.

[21ſt *May* 1816.]

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 therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it 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 Non-commiſſioned Officer and Private Soldier who ſhall be furniſhed with Diet and Small Beer within thoſe Parts of the United Kingdom ſpecified in the ſaid recited Act 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 One Shilling *per Diem* until the Twenty-fourth Day of *April* incluſive, and from and after that Day the Sum of Ten-pence *per Diem*; and that for ſuch Allowances of One Shilling

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lling and ten-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 Halfpenny *per Diem* for each Non-commiſſioned Officer and Soldier; which Sum of One Halfpenny *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 until the Twenty-fourth Day of *April* inclusive, and from and after that Day Ten-pence *per Diem*.

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 hereinbefore 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

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

against and fined in like Manner as if he or she had refused to furnish or 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. of furnishing Diet and Small Beer liable to be fined.

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

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. 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.

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. Regulations respecting Recruiting Parties and Recruits on their March.

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 sixteen until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen; and that all Payments which have been made, and all Acts, Matters, and Things done in pursuance of or in conformity with Continuance of Act.

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 sixteen.

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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