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

[7th *July* 1817.]

WHEREAS by Two Acts 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 Acts, 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 Acts, ſhall pay and allow for the ſame the Sum of Ten-pence *per Diem* until the Twenty-fourth Day of *July* incluſive, and from and after that Day the Sum of One Shilling and Two-pence *per Diem*; and that for ſuch Allowances of Ten-pence

Allowances for the Diet of Non-commiſſioned Officers and Soldiers 10d. per Diem till July 24, and after that Day 1s. 2d.

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and One Shilling and Two-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 Acts.

Further Allowance of One Halfpenny 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 Acts, 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, 10d. per Diem to be paid for Hay and Straw till July 24, after that Day 1s.

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 Acts, for Hay and Straw, ſhall be Ten-pence *per Diem* for each Horſe until the Twenty-fourth Day of *July* incluſive, and from and after that Day One Shilling *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 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

V. Provided always, That if any Victualler or other Perſon liable by the ſaid recited Acts 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 Acts, 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 Acts, 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 ſeventeen until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen; 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 seventeen.

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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