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CAP. X.

An Act to rectify a Miſtake in an Act, paſſed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and to indemnify certain Perſons in relation thereto.

[17th *March* 1818.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and paſſed on the Twenty-ſecond Day of *June* in the ſaid Year, intituled *An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters:* And whereas it was in and by the ſaid Act enacted, that the ſaid Act ſhould continue in force within *Great Britain* from the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen to the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen, and within *Ireland*, and in *Jerſey*, *Guernſey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, and *Iſle of Man*, and the Iſlands thereto belonging, from the Firſt Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen until the Firſt Day of *April* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen, and in *Gibraltar*, *Spain*, and *Portugal*, from the Twenty-fifth Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen to the Twenty-fifth Day of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen, and in all other Parts of *Europe* where His Majeſty's Forces might be ſerving, and in the *Weſt Indies*, *North America*, and *Cape of Good Hope*, from the Twenty-fifth Day of *October* One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen to the Twenty-fifth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen, and in all other Places, from the Twenty-fifth Day of *February* One thouſand eight hundred and ſixteen to the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen: And whereas an Act paſſed in the Fifty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters:* And whereas it was by the ſaid Act enacted, that the ſaid Act ſhould continue in force within the ſeveral and reſpective Countries

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and Places mentioned as aforeſaid for the ſeveral and reſpective Periods in the ſaid laſt-recited Act ſpecified, and in all other Places from the Twenty-fourth Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen to the Twenty-fifth Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen: And whereas the Acts paſſed for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters, have always been made to continue, in all ſuch other Places as aforeſaid, for a much longer Period than in the Places ſpecified in the ſaid Acts, on account of the Diſtance of ſuch other Places, and to allow of ſufficient Time for the Tranſmiſſion of the Act of the following Year; and the ſaid Act of the Fifty-fifth Year aforeſaid ought therefore to have been continued, according to the uſual Courſe of the ſaid Acts, as to ſuch other Places, until *November* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen: And whereas *March* was inſerted in the ſaid laſt-mentioned Act by Miſtake inſtead of *November*; and by reaſon thereof, and of the ſucceeding Act of the Fifty-ſixth Year of His Majeſty's Reign being made to continue in ſuch diſtant Places for the uſual Periods without ſuch Miſtake in the preceding Act having been diſcovered, the Proviſions of the ſaid Acts have not been in force in the *Eaſt Indies*, and ſuch other diſtant Parts and Places; and it is therefore expedient and neceſſary that ſuch Miſtake and Omiſſion ſhould be remedied, and that all Acts, Matters, and Things which would, if the ſaid firſt-recited Act had been in force during the ſaid Period, been valid and effectual, ſhould be confirmed, and that all Perſons who have during the ſaid Period exerciſed any Powers or Authorities, or done any Act, Matter, or Thing, which would have been authorized by the ſaid Act, if the ſame had been in force, ſhould be indemnified; 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 all Powers and Authorities uſed and exerciſed, and all Orders which have been iſſued, given, and obeyed, and all Acts done, and Matters and Things which have happened or ariſen in relation to the Puniſhment of Mutiny and Deſertion, and the Preſervation of Diſcipline, and the Payment of the Army and their Quarters, which would, if the Proviſions of the ſaid firſt-recited Act had been in force, have been valid and effectual, ſhall be and are hereby confirmed and declared to be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purpoſes as if ſuch Miſtake had not ariſen, and as if the ſaid firſt-recited Act had been continued to the Twenty-fifth Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen, and the Proviſions thereof had been in full Force and Effect; and all Perſons who have iſſued or obeyed any Orders or done any Act in relation thereto, and all other Matters and Things which would have been good, valid, and effectual under the Proviſions of the ſaid firſt-recited Act, if the ſaid Act had been continued to the ſaid Twenty-fifth Day of *November* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen, ſhall be and are hereby declared to be fully indemnified and wholly releaſed from any Action, Suit, or other Proceedings for or in reſpect of having iſſued or obeyed any ſuch Order or done any ſuch Act, and for or in reſpect of any ſuch Matters and Things as aforeſaid, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes as if the ſaid firſt-recited Act had been in full Force and Effect during ſuch Period as aforeſaid.

Acts done ſhall be valid notwithſtanding the Miſtake of the Date of Continuance in firſt recited Act, and Perſons indemnified.

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