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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. XXII.

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

[8th *May* 1818.]

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 and Two-pence *per Diem*; and that for such Allowance of One Shilling and Two-pence the Innholder or other Person shall furnish One Meal; *videlicet*, a hot Dinner, if required, in each

Allowances for the Diet of Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, 1s. 2d. per Day.

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.

Allowance of One Halfpenny per Diem, in lieu of Diet and and Beer.

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. per Day 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 *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 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, 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 indefinite 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 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 eighteen until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen; 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

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

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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