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

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WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and* 59 G.3. c.9. *for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters:* And whereas another Act was passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for continuing an Act made in the last Session* 1 G. 4. c. 13. *of Parliament, intituled 'An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and 'for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters:'* And whereas another Act was passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment* 1 G. 4. c. 19. *of the Army and their Quarters,* whereby it is amongst other Things 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 last 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 Acts, 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 Persons 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.

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

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.

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

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 One Shilling *per Diem*.

For Horses quartered 1s. per Day to be paid for Hay and Straw.

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

Regulation with respect to dieting Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers on their March.

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 last 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 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 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.

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 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,

scribed, 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 twenty until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-one; 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 and Purposes as if this Act had passed before the said Twenty-fourth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and twenty.

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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