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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. XCIX.

An Act to enable the *East India* Company to raise and maintain a Corps of Volunteer Infantry.

[24th *July* 1820.]

WHEREAS the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, are willing, and have offered to His Majesty, at their own Expence, to raise and maintain a Corps of Volunteer Infantry, not exceeding Eight hundred Rank and File, from amongst the Persons in the Employ of the said Company; and such Offer having been submitted to His Majesty's Royal Consideration, His Majesty hath approved thereof; but by Reason of the Appropriation of the Revenues of the said United Company, to and for the Purposes mentioned in an Act of Parliament, made in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for continuing in the* East India Company, *for a further Term, the Possession of the* British *Territories in* India, *together with certain exclusive Privileges; for establishing further Regulations for the Government of the said Territories, and the better Administration of Justice within the same; and for regulating the Trade to and from the Places within the Limits of the said Company's Charter*, the said United Company cannot pay the Charges of the said Corps without the Authority of Parliament; and it is expedient that the said United Company should be enabled to pay the same; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, 53G. 3.c.155.

and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said United Company, from Time to Time, to defray all and every the Charges and Expences of raising, training, clothing, arming, paying and maintaining the said Corps, as long as the Services thereof shall be accepted by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, the said Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, or any Appropriation, Matter, Clause, or Thing therein contained, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

East India Company to defray the Expence of a Corps of Volunteers.

II. And be it further enacted, That all the Charges and Expences of the said Corps shall be defrayed out of the Commercial Funds of the said Company.

Expence shall be paid out of Commercial Fund.

III. And be it further enacted, That such Corps of Volunteers so raised and maintained by the said United Company, shall and may be employed upon such Service and for such Purposes, upon and for which other Volunteer Corps lawfully embodied may be lawfully called and employed.

Employment of the Corps.

IV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices and others, without being specially pleaded.

Public Act.

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