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An Act to amend the Acts for rendering effective the Service of the *Chelsea* and *Greenwich* Out-Pensioners. [25th *June* 1847.]

WHEREAS the Provisions of the several Acts now in force for the Payment and Enrolment of the *Chelsea* and *Greenwich* Out-Pensioners have been found beneficial, and it is expedient to extend them to Her Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond the Seas: Be it enacted by the Queen'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 the Provisions of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Payment of Out-Pensioners of* Chelsea *Hospital*, shall extend to all Her Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond the Seas, and the Provisions of an Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act for rendering more effective the Services of such Out-Pensioners of* Chelsea *Hospital as shall be called out to assist in preserving the Public Peace*, and of Two Acts passed in the last Session of Parliament, severally intituled *An Act for amending the Act for rendering effective the Services of the* Chelsea *Out-Pensioners, and extending it to the Out-Pensioners of* Greenwich

Provisions of 5 & 6 Vict. c. 70., 6 & 7 Vict. c. 95., and 9 & 10 Vict. cc. 9. & 10. to apply to all Out-Pensioners of Chelsea and Greenwich Hospitals who may reside in the Colonies, &c.

Greenwich *Hospital*, and *An Act for regulating the Payment of the Out-Pensioners of* Greenwich *and* Chelsea *Hospitals*, and of this Act, shall apply to all Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* and *Greenwich* Hospitals now residing or who may hereafter reside in any of Her Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond the Seas in which any Officers shall have been or may be appointed pursuant to the said Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, for the Payment and Superintendence of the said Out-Pensioners: Provided always, that only such of the *Greenwich* Pensioners as may have served in the Royal Marines shall be liable to serve as enrolled Pensioners; and that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, from Time to Time, by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, to fix the Number of Men to be enrolled in every such Colony and Possession as a local Force for the Preservation of the Peace in such Colony or Possession or in any District thereof, and to cause them to be armed and equipped, and called out for Inspection or Exercise, on such Number of Days, not exceeding Twelve in each Year, as the Governor or Person administering the Government of such Colony or Possession for the Time being shall direct, under the same Penalties for Non-attendance and other Offences as are provided by the said Acts or any of them; and the Number of Men enrolled in any such Colony or Possession shall not be counted in the Number of Men authorized to be enrolled in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* under the said Acts or any of them.

Only Greenwich Pensioners as have served in the Marines liable.

Her Majesty may by Warrant fix the Number of Men to be enrolled.

II. And be it enacted, That all Persons whose Claims for prospective or deferred Pension shall have been registered in virtue of any Warrant or Warrants made or to be made by Her Majesty, or by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, shall be liable to be enrolled with and as Part of the local Force for the Preservation of the Peace under the Authority of the Acts before recited, whether resident in the United Kingdom or in any of Her Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond the Seas.

Persons registered for prospective Pensions liable to be enrolled, whether residing in the United Kingdom or the Colonies.

III. And whereas by the Act herein-before secondly-recited it is provided, that One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or, in case of Emergency, any Person or Persons bearing the Warrant of the Secretary of State for that Purpose, may call out the said enrolled Pensioners in aid of the Civil Power, for Preservation of the public Peace, as by the said Act is directed, and by the Act herein-before thirdly recited similar Powers were conferred on the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* as regards the enrolled Pensioners in that Country; but such Warrant, if applied for and issued after the Emergency has arisen, cannot in many Cases be obtained in Time to meet such Emergency, and it is therefore expedient to give further Facilities in that Behalf; be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or in *Ireland* for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor of *Ireland*, and in Her Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond the Seas for the Governor or other Person administering the Government of such Colony or Possession, to issue his Warrant to the Lord Lieutenant of any County, or the Mayor or other Chief

Secretary of State, &c. empowered to issue Warrants calling out Pensioners or Persons enrolled, &c. for a limited Period.

Magistrate of any Town or District, wherein such Pensioners and Persons having Claims to prospective or deferred Pensions are enrolled, authorizing him, in case of Emergency, or anticipated Emergency, whereby the Public Peace may be endangered, or on the Requisition of any Officer commanding Her Majesty's Forces within such Town or District, to call out the whole or such Part of the Persons so enrolled as he may consider necessary, for any Term not exceeding Twelve Days, during which Time they shall be liable to the Provisions of the Mutiny Act and Articles of War, in the same Manner in all respects as is provided in the first-mentioned Act; but no such enrolled Person who shall be called out only by the Authority of any such Lord Lieutenant of a County, Mayor, or Magistrate, for the Preservation of the Public Peace, shall be employed on such Duty for more than Twelve Days, unless by a Warrant from One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or in *Ireland* from the Lord Lieutenant or Chief Governor of *Ireland*, or in any of Her Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond the Seas from the Governor or Person administering the Government, in case of their being employed in aid of the Civil Power, or by Warrant of Her Majesty in case of their volunteering to serve in any of Her Majesty's Forts, Towns, and Garrisons, as provided in the said Act.

Enrolled Persons called out only by Authority of a Magistrate, &c., to be employed for Twelve Days only, unless in certain Cases.

IV. And be it enacted, That in case of actual or apprehended Invasion or Riot it shall be lawful for Her Majesty by any Proclamation to direct that the said enrolled Pensioners, or such of them as Her Majesty shall think fit, may be sent, in aid of the Defence of the Realm, or for the Suppression of Riot and Preservation of the Peace, to any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* where their Services may be required, and during the Time for which their Services shall be so required they shall be subject to all the Provisions of any Act then in force for the Punishment of Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.

In case of actual Invasion or Riot, Pensioners may be sent to any Part of the United Kingdom.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

Act may be amended, &c.

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