CAP. LIII.

An Act to suspend the making of Lists and the Ballots for the Militia of the United Kingdom. [13th *July* 1863.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to suspend for a further Period the Ballots for the Militia of the United Kingdom:' Be it therefore 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, as follows:

Meetings relating to the Militia of the United Kingdom and Ballots for such Militia suspended.

1. All General and Subdivision Meetings relating to the Militia of the United Kingdom, and all Proceedings relating to procuring any Returns or preparing or making out Lists of such Militia, or any Part thereof, for the Purpose of a Ballot, or relating to balloting for any Militiamen or supplying any Vacancies in such Militia by Ballot, as are or may be directed or authorized by or under any Act of Parliament now in force, shall cease and remain suspended until the First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Proceedings may be had during such Suspension by Order in Council.

2. Provided always, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty by any Order in Council to direct that any Proceedings shall be had at any Time before the Expiration of such Period as aforesaid, either for the giving of Notices and making Returns and preparing Lists, and also for the proceeding to ballot and enrol Men for the filling up Vacancies in the Militia, as Her Majesty shall deem expedient; and upon the issuing of any such Order all such Proceedings shall be had for carrying into execution all the Provisions of the Acts in force in the United Kingdom relating to the giving Notices for and Returns for Lists, and for the balloting and enrolling of Men to supply any Vacancies in the Militia, and holding General and Subdivision Meetings for such Purpose, at such Times respectively as shall be expressed in anysuch Order in Council, or by any Directions given in pursuance thereof to Lord Lieutenants, or Deputy Lieutenants acting for Lord Lieutenants, of the several Counties, Shires, Cities, and Places in the United Kingdom; and all the Provisions of the several Acts in force in the United Kingdom relating to the Militia shall, upon any such Order, and Direction given in pursuance thereof, become and be in full Force and be carried into execution at the Periods specified in such Order or Direction as aforesaid, with all such Penalties and Forfeitures for any Neglect thereof, as fully as if such Periods had been fixed in the Acts relating to such Militia.

So long as Lists are suspended, not necessary to transmit Extracts, &c. as required by Sect. 3. of 7 G. 4. c. 58.

3. So long as the making of Lists and the Ballots for the Militia of *Great Britain* are suspended it shall not be necessary for the Clerks of General Meetings of the several Counties therein to transmit to the Clerks of the Subdivision Meetings, or to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, the Extracts and Abstracts mentioned and referred to in Section Three of Seventh *George* the Fourth, Chapter Fifty-eight.

Not to extend to prevent the holding of certain Meetings relating to the Militia.

4. Provided also, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent the holding before the Expiration of such Period as aforesaid of such General or other Meetings relating to the Militia of the United Kingdom as may be called in *Great Britain* under the Authority of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or in *Ireland* under the Authority of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or of any Meeting which may be called for the Purpose of altering, enlarging, or providing any Place for the Reception of the Arms, Accoutrements, Clothing, or other Stores belonging to the Militia.