

ANNO QUINTO & SEXTO

GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

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CAP. XXXVII.

An Act for the further Reduction of the Militia Staff, and to suspend the Ballot for the Militia.

[25th *August* 1835.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to reduce the present Staff of the Militia in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; be it therefore 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 a Reduction shall take place in the Disembodied Staff of the said Militia at the Time and in the Manner herein-after mentioned; namely, it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by an Order in Council, at any Time before the Tenth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, to direct that a Proportion of the Serjeants of each Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of Militia, such Proportion not to be less than One Third of the Number of Serjeants (not including the Serjeant-Major) borne on the existing Establishment of the Disembodied Staff, shall be reduced on the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five: Provided always, that the whole Number of Serjeants so to be reduced shall not exceed One Half of the whole Number serving on the First Day of *August* in the present Year.

Reduction of the Disembodied Staff of the Militia.

Drum-Majors and Drummers to be reduced.

II. And be it further enacted, That all the Drum-Majors and Drummers of the Militia of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* shall be reduced on the said Tenth Day of *October* in the present Year.

Disposal of the Arms and Stores.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by an Order signed by One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State in *Great Britain*, and in *Ireland* by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, for the Time being respectively, to direct the Lord Lieutenant of any County in *Great Britain*, and the Lieutenant of any County in *Ireland*, to cause the Arms and other Stores belonging to any Regiment, Battalion, or Corps of Militia of such County in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively to be delivered over to His Majesty's Ordnance Department.

General and Subdivision Meetings relating to the Militia suspended.

IV. And whereas it is expedient to suspend for a further Period the making of Lists and the Ballots and Enrolments for the Militia of the United Kingdom; be it therefore enacted, That all General and Subdivision Meetings relating to the Militia of the United Kingdom, and all Proceedings relating to the procuring any Returns, or preparing or making out Lists for such Militia, or any Parts thereof, or relating to the ballotting for or enrolling any Militiamen or Substitutes, or supplying any Vacancies in such Militia, except as hereinafter excepted, shall remain suspended until the End of the next Session of Parliament, any thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for His 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 of the United Kingdom or any Part thereof, as His 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 *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* respectively relating to the giving Notices for and Returns of Lists, and for the ballotting and enrolling of Men to supply any Vacancies in the Militia, and holding General and Subdivision Meetings for such Purpose, at such Time respectively as shall be expressed in any such Order in Council, or by any Directions given in pursuance thereof to the Lord Lieutenants or Deputy Lieutenants acting for Lord Lieutenants of the several Counties, Shires, Ridings, Cities, and Places in *Great Britain*, or to the Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants of Counties and Places in *Ireland*, or to the Warden and Special Deputy Wardens of the Stannaries; and all the Provisions of the several Acts in force in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* respectively relating to the Militia and Corps of Miners of *Cornwall* and *Devon* shall upon any such Order, and Direction given in pursuance thereof, become and be in full force and be carried into execution at the Period 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 and Miners.

His Majesty may direct that Vacancies among Adjutants shall not be filled up.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by Order signified by One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to direct that in case of any Vacancy occurring among the Adjutants of the Disembodied Militia, such Vacancy, if it be thought proper, shall not be filled up.

Act to extend to Wardens of Stannaries and to Corps of Miners.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act, and all the Clauses, Provisions, and Authorities therein contained, shall be construed to extend to the Warden and Special Deputy Wardens of the Stannaries, and Corps of Miners of *Cornwall* and *Devon*, as fully as if they were respectively and severally repeated in every such Clause, Provision, Direction, and Authority.

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