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An Act for amending the Law relating to the Militia. A.D. 1869.

[13th May 1869.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for the united action of Her Majesty's regular forces and the militia at times when they are associated together for the purpose of training and exercise, and further to amend the law relating to the militia:

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, as follows:

Militia when in training may be placed under command of general officers.

1. Her Majesty and the Lord Lieutenant or Chief Governor of Ireland may exercise the same power of placing any regiment, battalion, or corps of militia called out for training and exercise under the command of general officers of the regular forces as Her Majesty and the Lord Lieutenant or Chief Governor of Ireland respectively now have, under the statutes regulating the respective militias of England, Scotland, and Ireland, of placing any such regiment, battalion, and corps under such command when the militia is drawn out or embodied for actual service under the said statutes.

Power to attach officers of regular forces to militia regiments.

2. Her Majesty may upon the requisition of the Lord Lieutenant attach any officer of the regular forces to any regiment, battalion, or corps of militia during, and for the purpose of assisting in, the training and exercise thereof; and such officer while so attached shall obey the commands of the superior officers in the militia as his superior officers, and exercise all the power and authority of a militia officer in such regiment, battalion, or corps, but retain the same relative rank with respect to the officers of militia as an officer of Her Majesty's regular forces is entitled to according to the regulations of the service; and any non-commissioned officer of the regular forces while employed to assist in the training and exercise

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of any such regiment, battalion, or corps shall, while so employed, obey the commands of the superior officers of the militia as his superior officers, and exercise all the power and authority of a militia non-commissioned officer in such regiment, battalion, or corps.

Abolition of property qualification for militia officers.

3. From and after the passing of this Act, an officer of the militia shall not be required to have any property qualification.

Volunteers not to claim discharge on ground of error, &c. in enrolment, &c.

4. No militia volunteer who has, before or after the passing of this Act, received pay and been borne on the strength and pay list of any regiment of militia for one whole period of training and exercise, shall be entitled to claim his discharge on the ground of error or illegality in his enrolment or re-enrolment, or on any ground whatsoever, but, on the contrary, every such volunteer shall be deemed to have been duly enrolled or re-enrolled, as the case may be.

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