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CAP. XVI.

An Act for augmenting the Militia.

[28th *March* 1794.]

WHEREAS, by an Act made in the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for amending, and reducing into One Act of Parliament, the Laws relating to the Militia in that Part of* Great Britain *called* England, it is, amongſt other Things, enacted, that the Number of Private Men to be raiſed by virtue of the ſaid Act, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, the Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, ſhall conſiſt of the Numbers therein particularly mentioned: And whereas, in the preſent Situation of Publick Affairs, it is highly neceſſary and expedient that the Number of the Militia Forces ſhould be augmented; 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

Preamble. 26 *Geo.* III, Cap. 107, recited.

preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That if any Perſon or Perſons, properly qualified according to the Laws now in Force, ſhall offer to His Majeſty's Lieutenant of any County to raiſe One or more Company or Companies, to be added to the Regiment or Battalion of any County or Riding, it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty's Lieutenant to accept ſuch Offers and to appoint ſuch Officers accordingly; and that it ſhall likewiſe be lawful for His Majeſty's Lieutenant to accept and cauſe to be inrolled any Number of Volunteers, not exceeding ſuch Number as His Majeſty may, from Time to Time, during the Continuance of this Act, think proper to authorize, to be added as Privates to the Eſtabliſhment of ſuch Regiment or Battalion as aforeſaid, and to give to ſuch Officers raiſing Companies or Privates as aforeſaid, ſuch temporary Rank not above the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, as His Majeſty ſhall direct; and ſuch Lieutenant ſhall certify to His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, the Names and Ranks of ſuch Officers within Fourteen Days after they ſhall be ſo appointed; and in caſe His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, ſhall, within Fourteen Days after ſuch Certificate laid before His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, ſignify his or their Diſapprobation of any Perſon to be ſuch Officer in the Militia, His Majeſty's Lieutenant ſhall not grant a Commiſſion to ſuch Perſon, but ſhall grant Commiſſions to ſuch Perſons ſo appointed, who ſhall not be diſapproved of by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, within Fourteen Days as aforeſaid, or of whom His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, ſhall ſooner ſignify his or their expreſs Approbation; and on the Certificate of His Majeſty's Lieutenant, or of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment or Battalion to which ſuch Company or Companies ſhall be annexed, that ſuch Company or Companies are actually raiſed, ſuch Company or Companies ſhall be entitled to the ſame Allowance of Bounty, Subſiſtence Money, Arms, and Cloathing, as the Reſt of His Majeſty's Militia Forces in this Kingdom.

Lord Lieutenants may accept Offers to raiſe Volunteer Companies, and alſo additional Volunteers to Regiments, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Volunteers who ſhall be inrolled and added as Privates to the Eſtabliſhment of each Regiment or Battalion as aforeſaid, ſhall be entitled to the ſame Allowance of Bounty, Subſiſtence Money, Arms, and Cloathing, as the Reſt of His Majeſty's Militia Forces in this Kingdom; and that His Majeſty's Lieutenant ſhall, from Time to Time, as he ſhall find moſt convenient, certify to His Majeſty the Number of Volunteers who ſhall have been ſo accepted and inrolled as aforeſaid; and that all Perſons who ſhall engage to ſerve either in Companies or as Volunteers, to be added as Privates as aforeſaid, in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be enliſted to ſerve till ſuch Time as the Militia ſhall be diſembodied, or till ſuch earlier Period at which His Majeſty ſhall think fit to reduce the ſaid Volunteer Companies, or to diſcharge the ſaid Privates.

Volunteers to be entitled to the ſame Bounty, &c. as the Reſt of the Militia.

III. And be it enacted, That when any ſuch Companies, or Volunteers to be added as Privates, ſhall be added to any Regiment, ſuch Addition

Regiments ſo augmented not to be made Two Battalions.

tion ſhall not make it neceſſary to ſeparate ſuch Regiment into Two Battalions, but ſuch Regiment ſhall remain and continue One Regiment.

IV. And whereas, by the herein-before recited Act of the Twenty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, it is enacted, that when the Militia ſhall be drawn out and embodied, an Addition ſhall be made to the Number of Serjeants and Corporals, ſo that there ſhall be One Serjeant and One Corporal to every Twenty Men: Be it enacted, That for every Twenty Men who ſhall be inrolled and added as Privates to the Eſtabliſhment of each Regiment or Battalion as aforeſaid, there ſhall be allowed One Serjeant and One Corporal; and that it ſhall be lawful to add One Serjeant to act as Serjeant Major, and One other Serjeant to act as Quarter Maſter Serjeant, to each Battalion conſiſting of Four Hundred Private Men and upwards, over and above ſuch Proportion of Serjeants and Corporals as aforeſaid.

A certain Proportion of Non-commiſſioned Officers to be added.

V. And whereas by the herein-before recited Act, of the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, it is among other Things enacted, That the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor of any Pariſh, Tithing, or Place, ſhall, with the Conſent of the Inhabitants, taken at a Veſtry in the Manner therein mentioned, allow to any Volunteer or Volunteers, to ſerve in the Militia of any County or Place, the Sum of Six Pounds each, to ſerve in the Militia for ſuch Pariſh, Tithing, or Place: And whereas it is proper that the Churchwardens or Overſeers of the Poor of any Pariſh, Tithing, or Place, ſhould be impowered to allow a further Sum; be it therefore enacted, That ſuch Churchwardens and Overſeers ſhall, and they are hereby impowered, with ſuch Conſent as aforeſaid, to give to any Volunteer or Volunteers, inrolled by virtue of the ſaid Act, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding Ten Pounds each, ſuch Sum or Sums of Money to be raiſed and recovered in the ſame Manner, and with the like Power of Appeal as is directed by the ſaid Act; any Thing therein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Pariſh Officers with the Conſent of the Inhabitants may allow 10l. to Volunteers.

VI. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the Rules, Regulations, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauſes, Matters, and Things, contained in the aforeſaid Act of the Twenty-ſixth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, or in any other Act that ſhall be paſſed in this Seſſion of Parliament, relative to the raiſing, training, paying, cloathing, embodying, and calling out the Militia, ſhall be applied, practiſed, and put in Execution, with reſpect to the additional Volunteer Companies, or Volunteers added as Privates as aforeſaid, by this Act directed to be raiſed, in as full and ample Manner as if the ſaid ſeveral Rules, Regulations, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauſes, Matters, and Things, were herein again at large repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this preſent Act, ſave and except ſo far as the ſame are altered by any Proviſions contained in this Act.

Powers of recited Act, *etc.* to extend to this Act.

Continuance of Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be and continue in Force until the Firſt Day of *January* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-five, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament.

FINIS.