the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, the sum of eight hundred and six thousand seven hundred and eleven pounds four shillings and sevenpence. the service of the years ending 31st March 1891, 1892, and 1893.

2. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the time being may issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and apply towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, the sum of nine million four hundred and ninety-seven thousand three hundred pounds. Issue of 9,497,300*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1894.

3. The Commissioners of the Treasury may borrow from time to time, on the credit of the said sums, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of ten million three hundred and four thousand and eleven pounds four shillings and sevenpence, and shall repay the moneys so borrowed, with interest not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum, out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund at any period not later than the next succeeding quarter to that in which the said moneys were borrowed. Power to the Treasury to borrow.

Any sums so borrowed shall be placed to the credit of the account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and shall form part of the said Consolidated Fund, and be available in any manner in which such fund is available.

4. This Act may be cited as the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1893. Short title.

CHAPTER 4.

An Act to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army.

[29th April 1893.]

WHEREAS the raising or keeping of a standing army within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in time of peace, unless it be with the consent of Parliament, is against law:

And whereas it is adjudged necessary by Her Majesty and this present Parliament, that a body of forces should be continued for the safety of the United Kingdom and the defence of the possessions of Her Majesty's Crown, and that the whole number of such forces should consist of one hundred and fifty-four thousand four hundred and forty-two men, including those to be employed at the depôts in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the training of recruits for service at home and abroad, but exclusive of the numbers actually serving within Her Majesty's Indian possessions:

And whereas it is also judged necessary for the safety of the United Kingdom, and the defence of the possessions of this realm, that a body of Royal Marine forces should be employed in Her Majesty's fleet and naval service, under the direction of the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom, or the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid:

And whereas the said marine forces may frequently be quartered or be on shore, or sent to do duty or be on board transport ships or vessels, merchant ships or vessels, or other ships or vessels, or they may be under other circumstances in which they will not be subject to the laws relating to the government of Her Majesty's forces by sea:

And whereas no man can be forejudged of life or limb, or subjected in time of peace to any kind of punishment within this realm by martial law, or in any other manner than by the judgment of his peers and according to the known and established laws of this realm; yet nevertheless it being requisite, for the retaining all the before-mentioned forces, and other persons subject to military law, in their duty, that an exact discipline be observed, and that persons belonging to the said forces who mutiny or stir up sedition, or desert Her Majesty's service, or are guilty of crimes and offences to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, be brought to a more exemplary and speedy punishment than the usual forms of the law will allow:

44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.

And whereas the Army Act will expire in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three on the following days:

(*a.*) In the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, on the thirtieth day of April; and

(*b.*) Elsewhere in Europe, inclusive of Malta, also in the West Indies and America, on the thirty-first day of July; and

(*c.*) Elsewhere, whether within or without Her Majesty's dominions, on the thirty-first day of December:

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Army (Annual) Act, 1893.

Army Act (44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.) to be in force for specified times.

2.—(1.) The Army Act shall be and remain in force during the periods herein-after mentioned, and no longer, unless otherwise provided by Parliament; that is to say,

(*a.*) Within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, from the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three to the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, both inclusive; and

(*b.*) Elsewhere in Europe, inclusive of Malta, also in the West Indies and America, from the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three to the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, both inclusive; and

(*c.*) Elsewhere, whether within or without Her Majesty's dominions, from the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three to the thirty-first day of

December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, both inclusive;

and the day from which the Army Act is continued in any place by this Act is in relation to that place referred to in this Act as the commencement of this Act.

(2.) The Army Act, while in force, shall apply to persons subject to military law, whether within or without Her Majesty's dominions.

(3.) A person subject to military law shall not be exempted from the provisions of the Army Act by reason only that the number of the forces for the time being in the service of Her Majesty, exclusive of the marine forces, is either greater or less than the number herein-before mentioned.

Prices in respect of billeting.

3. There shall be paid to the keeper of a victualling house for the accommodation provided by him in pursuance of the Army Act the prices specified in the schedule to this Act.

Amendments of Army Act.

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 24 as to deficiency in and injury to equipment.

4. Whereas it is expedient to explain the expression "equipments," in section twenty-four of the Army Act, be it therefore enacted that—

At the end of the said section shall be added the following paragraph:—

"For the purposes of this section, the expression 'equipments' includes any article issued to a soldier for his use, or entrusted to his care for military purposes."

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 25 as to falsifying official documents.

5. Whereas it is expedient to express more clearly the provisions of section twenty-five of the Army Act as to falsification of official documents, be it therefore enacted that—

In sub-section two of the said section for the words "knowingly "and with intent to defraud or to injure any person" shall be substituted the words "knowingly and with intent to "injure any person or knowingly and with intent to defraud."

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 32 as to enlistment of soldier discharged with disgrace.

6. Whereas it is expedient to amend section thirty-two of the Army Act so as to provide that the expression "discharged with disgrace" shall include a person discharged for misconduct, be it therefore enacted that—

In sub-section two of the said section, after the word "worthless," shall be added the words "discharged for misconduct."

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 46 as to summary trial by commanding officer.

7. Whereas it is expedient to entend the maximum period of imprisonment capable of being awarded where a case is dealt with summarily under section forty-six of the Army Act, and at the same time to give a soldier the right in certain cases to be tried by a district court-martial, instead of submitting to the jurisdiction of his commanding officer; be it therefore enacted that—

(1.) In sub-section two of the said section for the word "seven" shall be substituted the word "fourteen."

(2.) In sub-section three of the said section, after the word "court-martial," shall be added the words "or the right of the "soldier to be tried by a district court-martial."

(3.) For sub-section eight of the said section shall be substituted the following sub-section:—

"(8.) Where a commanding officer has power to deal with a case summarily under this section, and, after hearing the evidence, considers that he may so deal with the case, he shall, unless he awards one of the minor punishments referred to in this section, ask the soldier charged whether he desires to be dealt with summarily or to be tried by a district court-martial, and if the soldier elects to be tried by a district court-martial the commanding officer shall take steps for bringing him to trial by a district court-martial, but otherwise shall proceed to deal with the case summarily."

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 48 as to constitution of district courts-martial.

8. Whereas it is expedient to provide that a district court-martial may in any case consist of three members; be it therefore enacted that—

In sub-section four of section forty-eight of the Army Act the words "in the United Kingdom, India, Malta, and Gibraltar, "of not less than five, and elsewhere" shall be omitted.

Abolition of summary courts-martial, and amendment of provisions as to field general courts-martial.

9. Whereas it is expedient to simplify the provisions of the Army Act relating to courts-martial by abolishing summary courts-martial, and enabling field general courts-martial to exercise the powers of summary courts-martial; be it therefore enacted that—

(1.) In sub-section one of section forty-nine of the Army Act, after the words "beyond the seas," shall be added the words "or to the commanding officer of any corps or portion of a "corps on active service, or to any officer in immediate "command of a body of forces on active service":

(2.) In the same sub-section the words "under his command "against the property or person of any inhabitant of or "resident in such country" shall be omitted:

(3.) In the same sub-section, after the words "provided as follows," shall be added the following proviso:—

"(*a.*) An officer in command of a detachment or portion of troops not on active service shall not convene a field general court-martial for the trial of any person unless that person is under his command, nor unless the offence with which the person is charged is an offence against the property or person of an inhabitant of, or resident in, the country in which the offence is alleged to have been committed":

And the provisoes now marked (*a.*) and (*b.*) shall be marked (*b.*) and (*c.*) respectively:

(4.) In the same sub-section, after the words "not less than three officers," shall be added the words "unless the officer convening "the same is of opinion that three officers are not available, "having due regard to the public service, in which case the "court-martial may consist of two officers";

(5.) At the end of the same sub-section, after the word "captain," shall be added the following paragraph :—

"(*d.*) Where a field general court-martial consists of less than three officers, the sentence shall not exceed such summary punishment as is allowed by this Act, or imprisonment."

(6.) At the end of sub-section one of section fifty-four of the Army Act there shall be added, as part of the paragraph marked (*d.*), after the words "officer forms part," the words "or where the offence was committed on active service, any "such officer as may under the rules made in pursuance "of this Act be authorised to confirm the findings and "sentences of the field general court-martial awarding the "sentence: Provided that a sentence of death or penal servi- "tude awarded by a field general court-martial shall not be "carried into effect unless or until it has been confirmed by "the general or field officer commanding the force with which "the prisoner is present at the date of his sentence."

(7.) At the end of sub-section four of the said section fifty-four shall be added the following proviso :—

"Provided that where a member of a field general court-martial trying a prisoner would but for his being a member of the court have power to confirm the finding and sentence of the court, and is of opinion that it is not practicable, having due regard to the public service, to delay the case for the purpose of referring it to any other officer, he may confirm the finding and sentence."

(8.) Section fifty-five of the Army Act is hereby repealed.

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 182, as to special provisions as to warrant officers.

10. Whereas it is expedient to express more clearly the provisions of section one hundred and eighty-two of the Army Act: be it therefore enacted that—

For sub-section two of the said section, being the paragraph beginning with the words "(2.) Without taking away" and ending with the words "or to the ranks" shall be substituted the following sub-section :—

"(2.) He may be sentenced—

(*a*) by a district court-martial to such forfeitures, fines, and stoppages as are allowed by this Act, and, either in addition to or in substitution for any such punishment, to be dismissed from the service, or to be suspended from rank and pay and allowances, for any period stated by the court-martial, or to be reduced to the bottom or any other place in the list of the rank which he holds, or to be reduced to an inferior class of warrant officer (if any) or, if he was originally enlisted as a soldier, but not otherwise, to be reduced to a lower grade, or to the ranks; or

(*b*) by any court-martial having power to try him, other than a district court-martial, to any punishment which under this section, a district court-martial has power to award, either in addition to or in substitution for any other punishment.

SCHEDULE.

Accommodation to be provided.	Maximum Price.
Lodging and attendance for soldier where hot meal furnished.	Fourpence per night.
Hot meal as specified in Part I. of the Second Schedule to the Army Act.	One shilling and threepence halfpenny each.
Breakfast as so specified - - - - - -	One penny halfpenny each.
Where no hot meal furnished, lodging and attendance, and candles, vinegar, salt, and the use of fire, and the necessary utensils for dressing and eating his meat.	Fourpence per day.
Ten pounds of oats, twelve pounds of hay, and eight pounds of straw per day for each horse.	One shilling and ninepence per day.
Lodging and attendance for officer - - - -	Two shillings per night.

Note.—An officer shall pay for his food.

CHAPTER 5.

An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Payment of Regimental Debts, and the Collection and Disposal of the Effects of Officers and Soldiers in case of Death, Desertion, Insanity, and other cases.

[29th April 1893.]

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:

Collection of Effects and Payment of Preferential Charges.

On death of person subject to military law

1. On the death of a person while subject to military law the prescribed committee of adjustment shall, as soon as may be, in