CHAPTER 7.

An Act to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army. [28th April 1882.] A.D. 1882.

WHEREAS the raising or keeping 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 thirty-two thousand nine hundred and five 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

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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, 1881, will expire—

(*a.*) In the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, on the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two; and

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

(*c.*) Elsewhere, whether within or without Her Majesty's dominions, on the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two:

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, 1882.

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

2. The Army Act, 1881, shall be and remain in force during the periods herein-after mentioned, and no longer, unless otherwise provided by Parliament; that is to say,

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

(2.) 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 eighty-two to the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, both inclusive; and

(3.) Elsewhere, whether within or without Her Majesty's dominions, from the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two to the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, both inclusive;

and the day from which the Army Act, 1881, 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.

The Army Act, 1881, while in force shall apply to persons subject to military law, whether within or without Her Majesty's dominions. 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.

A person subject to military law shall not be exempted from the provisions of the Army Act, 1881, 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. 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.

3. There shall be paid to the keeper of a victualling house for the accommodation provided by him in pursuance of the Army Act, 1881, the prices specified in the Schedule to this Act. Prices in respect of billeting. 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.

Amendments of Army Act, 1881.

4. Whereas the misprints herein-after mentioned occur in the Army Act, 1881, and it is expedient to correct the same: Correction of misprints in 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.

Be it therefore enacted as follows:

(1.) In section forty-six of the Army Act, 1881, the words "imprisonment exceeding seven days" shall be substituted for the words "punishment exceeding seven days," in the ninth sub-section.

(2.) In section eighty-seven of the Army Act, 1881, the words "a proclamation in pursuance of the enactments relating to the calling out of the reserve on permanent service" shall be substituted for "a proclamation in pursuance of this Act" in the first sub-section.

(3.) In section one hundred and thirty-eight of the Army Act, 1881, "section seventy-three" shall be substituted for the words "section seventy-one" in the third sub-section.

(4.) In section one hundred and forty-four of the Army Act, 1881, the words "respecting his contract" shall be substituted for the words "respecting his conduct," in the second sub-section.

(5.) In section one hundred and forty-five of the Army Act, 1881, the words "when any order or decree" shall be substituted for the words "when any order, decree," in the second sub-section.

(6.) In section one hundred and seventy-five of the Army Act, 1881, the words "Indian military law" shall be substituted for the words "that law" in the seventh sub-section.

5. Whereas doubts may arise as to whether sub-section five of section ninety of the Army Act, 1881, applies to all soldiers of the regular forces when discharged, or only to such of those soldiers as Removal of doubts as to s. 90 (5) of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. as to

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discharged soldiers.

are specified in the foregoing provisions of that section, and it is expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

In section ninety of the Army Act, 1881, the words "as mentioned in the second sub-section of this section" shall be added after the words "or his re-engagement" in the fifth sub-section.

Printing of amendments. See 33 & 34 Vict. c. 101.

6. In all copies of the Army Act, 1881, which may be printed after the commencement of this Act the words by this Act directed to be substituted for other words shall be printed therein in lieu of the latter words, and the words directed by this Act to be added shall be added thereto.

SCHEDULE.

Accommodation to be provided.	Maximum Price.
Lodging and attendance for soldier where hot meal furnished.	Twopence halfpenny per night.
Hot meal as specified in Part I. of the Second Schedule to the Army Act, 1881.	One shilling and 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.

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