than one hundred pounds; and all sums so borrowed shall be paid into the Exchequer.

(3.) Every Exchequer bond issued in pursuance of this Act shall provide for the paying off of such bond at par at any period not exceeding five years nor less than twelve months from the date of such bond.

(4.) The principal of any Exchequer bonds issued under this section shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, and the interest on all Exchequer bonds issued in pursuance of this Act shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or out of the growing produce thereof.

(5.) All sums paid by the Government of the Colony in respect of the principal of or interest on any advance under this Act, and all sums arising from the disposal of any debentures deposited in pursuance of this Act or of the coupons thereof shall be paid into the Exchequer.

Extension of 29 & 30 Vict. c. 25. to bonds.

6. Section fifteen of the Exchequer Bills and Bonds Act, 1866 (which section relates to the forgery of Exchequer bills), shall apply to all Exchequer bonds issued in pursuance of this Act in like manner as if it were herein enacted with the substitution of Exchequer bond for Exchequer bill.

Account of advances.

7. An account of all sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in pursuance of this Act, and of all sums paid by the Government of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope in respect of the interest or principal of any advance in pursuance of this Act, shall be annually laid before Parliament in such form as the Treasury from time to time direct, so long as any such advance shall remain outstanding.

CHAPTER 8.

An Act to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army. [28th April 1885.]

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 forty-two thousand one hundred and ninety-four 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:

And whereas the Army Act, 1881, will expire in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five on the following days: 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.

(*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:

1. This Act may be cited as the Army (Annual) Act, 1885. Short title.

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

(*a.*) Within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, from the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five to the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, 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 eighty-five to the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, 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 eighty-five to the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, 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.

(2.) 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.

(3.) 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.

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, 1881, the prices specified in the Schedule to this Act.

Amendments of Army Act, 1881.

Amendment of s. 44 of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. as to the commutation of punishment.

4. Whereas sub-section ten of section forty-four of the Army Act, 1881, is as follows:—

"For the purposes of commutation of punishment, the summary punishment above-mentioned shall be deemed to stand in the scale of punishments next below penal servitude;"

And whereas it is expedient to authorise the commutation of imprisonment into summary punishment: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

In sub-section ten of section forty-four of the Army Act, 1881, the word "imprisonment" shall be substituted for the words "penal servitude."

Amendment of s. 88 of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. as to the form of proclamation for continuing soldiers in the army service.

5. Whereas by sub-section one of section eighty-eight of the Army Act, 1881, Her Majesty is authorised under the circumstances therein mentioned by proclamation to direct that persons who would otherwise be entitled to be transferred to the reserve shall continue in army service for the same period for which they might be required to serve, if they had been transferred to the reserve and called out for permanent service by a proclamation under the Reserve Forces Act, 1882;

45 & 46 Vict. c. 48.

And whereas it is expedient to assimilate the terms of a proclamation under the said section to a proclamation under the Reserve Forces Act, 1882: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

In section eighty-eight of the Army Act, 1881, there shall be substituted for sub-section one thereof the following enactments, (which shall be sub-sections one, two, and three thereof, and the present sub-section two of the said section shall be numbered four):—

(1.) It shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council, in case of imminent national danger or of great emergency, by proclamation, the occasion being first communicated to Parliament if Parliament be then sitting, or if Parliament be not then sitting declared by the proclamation, to order that the soldiers who would otherwise be entitled in pursuance of the terms of their enlistment to be transferred to the reserve shall continue in army service.

(2.) It shall be lawful for Her Majesty by any such proclamation to order a Secretary of State from time to time to give, and when given to revoke or vary, such directions as may seem necessary or proper for causing all or any of the soldiers mentioned in the proclamation to continue in army service.

(3.) Every soldier for the time being required by or in pursuance of such directions to continue in army service shall continue to serve in army service for the same period for which he

might be required to serve, if he had been transferred to the reserve and called out for permanent service by a proclamation of Her Majesty under the enactments relating to the reserve.

Amendment of s. 171 of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. as to the exercise of powers vested in holder of military office.

6. Whereas by section one hundred and seventy-one of the Army Act, 1881, it is enacted as follows:

"Any power or jurisdiction given to, or any act or thing to be done by, to, or before any person holding any military office may be exercised by, or done by, to, or before any other person for the time being authorised in that behalf according to the custom of the service."

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the application of the said section in certain cases, and it is expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

In section one hundred and seventy-one of the Army Act, 1881, there shall be added at the end thereof the words "or according to rules made under section seventy of this Act."

Amendment of s. 172 of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. as to the signing of orders in relation to prisoners.

7. Whereas doubts have arisen as to the application of sub-section one of section one hundred and seventy-two of the Army Act, 1881, to sub-section two thereof, and as to whether sub-section two extends to directions as well as orders, and it is expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

In section one hundred and seventy-two of the Army Act, 1881, there shall be substituted for sub-section two thereof above recited the following enactment:

(2.) The foregoing enactment of this section shall extend to any order or directions issued in pursuance of this Act in relation to a military convict or military prisoner, and any such order or directions shall not be held void by reason of the death or removal from office of the officer signing or ordering the issue of the same, or by reason of any defect in such order or directions, if it be alleged in such order or directions that the convict or prisoner has been convicted, and there is a good and valid conviction to sustain the order or directions.

Commencement.

8.—(1.) The amendments of the Army Act, 1881, made by this Act shall take effect as from the commencement of this Act.

Printing and construction of amendments.

(2.) Where any enactment or words is or are directed by this Act or by any enactment for the time being in force, whether passed before or after the passing of this Act, to be substituted in the Army Act, 1881, for any other enactment or words, or to be added to, or omitted from, the Army Act, 1881, then all copies of the Army Act, 1881, printed after such direction takes effect shall be printed with the said enactment or words added to the said Act or omitted therefrom, or printed therein, in lieu of any enactment or words for which the same is or are substituted, according as such direction requires, and with the sections and sub-sections numbered in accordance with such direction; and the said Act shall be construed as if it had, at the time at which such direction takes effect, been enacted with such addition, omission, or substitution.

(3.) A reference in any enactment, whether passed before or after the passing of this Act, to the Army Act, 1881, shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed to refer to the Army Act, 1881, as amended by any enactment for the time being in force.

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.

CHAPTER 9.

An Act to relieve Municipal Voters from being disqualified in consequence of letting their Dwelling-houses for short periods. [28th April 1885.]

41 & 42 Vict. c. 3.

WHEREAS by the House Occupiers Disqualification Removal Act, 1878, provision was made that a man should be entitled to be registered as an inhabitant occupier of a dwelling-house under

30 & 31 Vict. c. 102.

the third section of the Representation of the People Act, 1867, notwithstanding that during a part of the qualifying period not exceeding four months in the whole, he should by letting, or otherwise, have permitted the qualifying premises to be occupied as a furnished house by some other person:

41 & 42 Vict. c. 5.

And whereas similar provision was made as regards Scotland by the House Occupiers Disqualification Removal (Scotland) Act, 1878:

And whereas it is expedient to extend the said Acts to voters at municipal elections:

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 Municipal Voters Relief Act, 1885.

Letting as furnished house for certain period not to disqualify.

2. From and after the passing of this Act a man shall not be disqualified from being enrolled or voting as a burgess at any municipal election in a borough, in respect of the occupation of any house, by reason only that during a part of the qualifying period, not exceeding four months in the whole, he has, by letting or otherwise, permitted such house to be occupied as a furnished dwelling-house by some other person, and during such occupation by another person has not resided in or within seven miles of the borough.