be necessary for the requirements of the district in cases where similar provision cannot be so advantageously made by aiding a school or institution within its district; and

(*b*.) Provide or assist in providing scholarships for or pay or assist in paying the fees of students ordinarily resident in the district of the local authority at schools or institutions within or outside that district.

(2.) In distributing the provision made in aid of technical or manual instruction, the local authority may consider all the circumstances of the case, and shall not be bound to distribute the provision so made exclusively in proportion to the nature and amount of efficient technical or manual instruction supplied by those schools or institutions respectively.

Application of balances. 53 & 54 Vict. c. 60.

2. Any moneys received by a county council under sub-section (1) (*b*) of section one of the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890, and directed by resolution of the county council to be appropriated or to be set aside for the purposes of technical or manual instruction, shall, although not expended or specifically contributed or allotted in whole or in part before the end of the financial year, remain applicable for such purposes, and shall not be applied in manner provided by sub-section (2) and the following sub-sections of section twenty-three of the Local Government Act, 1888, until the county council shall have made an order for such application. 51 & 52 Vict. c. 41.

Where a council shall have referred to a committee the question of appropriating to purposes of technical or manual instruction any sum consisting of the whole or any part of such moneys, this section, unless and until the council otherwise direct, shall, until the committee shall have made their report and the council shall have arrived at a decision thereon or the appointment of the committee shall have been rescinded, apply to such sum as if the same had been directed by the council to be appropriated to such purposes.

Construction of 53 & 54 Vict. c. 60. s. 1.

3. The expression "technical education" in section one of the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890, shall be deemed to include both technical and manual instruction within the meaning of the Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891.

Short title and construction.

4. This Act may be cited as the Technical Instruction Act, 1891, and shall be construed as one with the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, and this Act and the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, may be cited together as the Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891.

CHAPTER 5.

An Act to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army. [26th March 1891.]

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-three thousand six hundred and ninety-six 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-one 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, 1891.

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-one to the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, 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-one to the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, 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-one to the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, 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. 73 as to confession by soldier of desertion or fraudulent enlistment.

4. Whereas it is expedient that general or other officers commanding military districts should be competent military authorities for awarding forfeitures and deductions on confessions of desertion or fraudulent enlistment by soldiers; be it therefore enacted that—

In section seventy-three of the Army Act, after the words "commander-in-chief or adjutant-general," shall be inserted the words "or any general or other officer commanding a military district."

Explanation of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 90, as to discharge or transfer to the reserve.

5. Whereas by section ninety, sub-section five, of the Army Act it is enacted as follows:—

"A soldier of the regular forces who is discharged on the completion of the term of his original enlistment or his re-engagement, as mentioned in the second sub-section of this section, or is transferred to the reserve, shall be entitled to be conveyed, free of cost, from the place in the United Kingdom where he is discharged or transferred to the place in which he appears from his attestation paper to have been attested, or to any place at which he may at the time of his discharge or transfer decide to take up his residence, and to which he can be conveyed without greater cost."

and doubts have been entertained as to the application of this provision in the case of soldiers transferred to the reserve, and it is expedient to remove such doubts; be it therefore enacted that—

To the said sub-section the following proviso shall be added:

"Provided that in the case of transfer to the reserve he shall not be entitled to be so conveyed to any place out of the United Kingdom."

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 91 as to lunatic soldiers.

6. Whereas the enactment referred to in sub-section three of section ninety-one of the Army Act has been superseded by the Lunacy Act, 1890, and it is expedient to substitute a reference to that Act; be it therefore enacted that—

In section ninety-one of the Army Act for the words "an order "by a justice within the meaning of section seventy-two of the "Act of the session of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of the "reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ninety-seven, intituled, "'An Act to consolidate and amend the laws for the provision and "'regulation of lunatic asylums for counties and boroughs, and for "'the maintenance and care of pauper lunatics in England,'" shall be substituted the words "a summary reception order within the "meaning of the Lunacy Act, 1890."

53 & 54 Vict. c. 5.

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 145 as to liability of soldier for maintenance of wife or child.

7. Whereas by section one hundred and forty-five of the Army Act provision is made for the enforcement of orders for payment by a soldier of the cost of maintenance of his wife or child or of any bastard child of whom he is the putative father, or of the cost of any relief to his wife or child given by way of loan, and doubts have been entertained as to the application of this provision in cases where a man becomes a soldier subsequently to the making of the order, and it is expedient to remove such doubts; be it therefore enacted that—

In sub-section two of section one hundred and forty-five of the Army Act for the words "for payment by a soldier of the regular forces" shall be substituted the words "for payment by a man who "is or subsequently becomes a soldier of the regular forces."

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 146 as to qualification of officer for county council.

8. To section one hundred and forty-six of the Army Act (which disqualifies officers of the regular forces for holding certain offices) the following proviso shall be added:—

"Provided that nothing in this section shall disqualify any officer for being elected to or being a member of a county council."

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 156 as to certificates of military pensioners and of members of army reserve.

9. Whereas it is expedient to provide penalties for the detention of certificates of military pensioners and of men belonging to the army reserve; therefore to section one hundred and fifty-six of the Army Act the following sub-section shall be added:—

"(9.) Every person who receives, detains, or has in his possession the identity certificate or life certificate of a person entitled to a military pension or to reserve pay as a pledge or security for a debt, or with a view to obtain payment from the pensioner or person entitled to the pay of a debt due either to himself or to any other person, shall be liable on summary conviction to the like penalty as for an offence under sub-section one of this section, and the certificate shall be deemed to be property within the meaning of this section."

10. Whereas by section one hundred and eighty-three of the Army Act it is provided that an army schoolmaster shall not be liable to be reduced to the ranks, but it is expedient that an army schoolmaster transferred from the ranks should be capable of being reduced to the rank which he held at the date of his transfer; be it therefore enacted that— Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 183 as to army schoolmasters.

In section one hundred and eighty-three of the Army Act after the words "An army schoolmaster shall not be liable to be reduced "to the ranks" shall be inserted the words "(unless he has been "transferred from the ranks in which case he may be reduced to "the rank which he held at the date of transfer").

SCHEDULE.

Section 3.

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.	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 6.

An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

[26th March 1891.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, towards making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sums herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's