CHAPTER 7.

An Act to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army. [9th April 1895.] A.D. 1895.

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-five thousand four hundred and three 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

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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-five 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, 1895.

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-five to the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety-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 ninety-five to the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-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 ninety-five to the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, 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. A.D. 1895.

4. To section one hundred and thirty-six of the Army Act shall be added the words "or by any law passed by the Governor-"General of India in Council." Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 136 as to deductions.

5. Section one hundred and fifty-one of the Army Act shall be repealed. Repeal of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 151.

6. In section one hundred and sixty-three, sub-section (1), paragraph (*c*) of the Army Act, after the words "Queen's regulations" shall be inserted the words "or regulations referred to "in section one hundred and forty-two of this Act," and after the word "circulars" in each place where it occurs shall be inserted the words "or orders." Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 163 as to proof of certain documents.

7.—(1.) In section one hundred and eighty, sub-section (2) (*c*) of the Army Act for the words "Governor of any presidency in India" shall be substituted the words "Governor-General of India," and the words "within such presidency" shall be omitted. Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 180 as to Indian forces.

(2.) In paragraph (*d*) of the same sub-section for the words following "entitled" shall be substituted the following words:—"may "complain to the officer appointed in that behalf by the Com-"mander-in-Chief of the forces in India with the approval of "the Governor-General, and that officer shall cause his complaint "to be inquired into, and thereupon report to the Governor-"General in order to receive the further directions of the Governor-"General."

(3.) In paragraph (*f*) of the same sub-section, for the words "The Governor of any of the presidencies in India" shall be substituted the words "The Governor-General of India," and the words "who is serving in or belonging to such presidency" shall be omitted.

8. In section eighty-three, sub-section (6), and section one hundred and ninety, sub-section (15) of the Army Act, for the words "army hospital corps" shall be substituted the words "medical staff corps." Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. ss. 83, 190, as to definition of corps.

9. In section one hundred and ninety, sub-section (8) of the Army Act, the word "Fencible" shall be omitted. Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. s. 190 as to description of Royal Malta Artillery.

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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.

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