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CHAPTER 5.

An Act for extending, with Amendments, to Grounds for Drill and other Military Purposes, the Enactments relating to the Acquisition and Regulation of Rifle Ranges. A.D. 1886.

[29th March 1886.]

WHEREAS under Part Five of the Volunteer Act, 1863, a volunteer corps may, with the assent of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, acquire, and authorities acting on behalf of Her Majesty and of the Duke of Cornwall, corporations, commissioners, justices, and other public bodies and persons, are authorised to grant land and a licence to use land for the purposes of rifle or artillery practice, and for the erection of accommodation for the use of the corps when practising with rifles or artillery: 26 & 27 Vict. c. 65.

And whereas under the Artillery and Rifle Ranges Act, 1885, a Secretary of State has power to make byelaws for regulating the use of land appropriated, by or with his assent, for artillery and rifle ranges, whether for volunteer corps or for other portions of Her Majesty's military forces: 48 & 49 Vict. c. 36.

And whereas it is expedient to extend the said provisions so as to allow of the grant of land and licence to use land for the purpose of drill and other military purposes of volunteer corps, and of other portions of Her Majesty's military forces, and to extend to any such land the said power of making byelaws:

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 Drill Grounds Act, 1886. Short title.

2.—(1.) Any of such persons or bodies of persons, corporate or unincorporate, including Commissioners and others on behalf of Her Majesty, as are authorised by sections thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty- Grant of land, or right over land, for drill or other military purposes.

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five, and thirty-six of the Volunteer Act, 1863, or any of those sections, to grant either land, or a licence to use land, for rifle or artillery practice, shall have the like power to grant, either to a volunteer corps or to a Secretary of State, on behalf of Her Majesty, and such volunteer corps or Secretary of State may take and hold, any land, or licence to use land, as the case may be, for military drill or any military purpose of such volunteer corps, or, as the case may be, of any other portion of Her Majesty's military forces:

Provided that such grant shall be subject, as respects the duration thereof and the conditions precedent thereto and otherwise, to the provisions and limitations contained in the said sections of the Volunteer Act, 1863, save that any limit in the said sections of the amount of land shall not apply.

(2.) Part Five of the Volunteer Act, 1863, shall apply in like manner as if it were herein re-enacted, and in terms made applicable to the purposes of this Act.

(3.) Where any land, or a licence to use land, is granted in pursuance of this Act, or any land or the use of land has otherwise been acquired or appropriated for the purpose of drill or other military purposes of a volunteer corps, or any other portion of Her Majesty's military forces, such purposes shall be deemed to be military purposes within the meaning of the Artillery and Rifle Ranges Act, 1885, and that Act shall apply thereto, and byelaws under that Act may be made accordingly;

48 & 49 Vict. c. 36.

(4.) Provided that a byelaw shall not be inconsistent with any condition made by any such grant, and if one of the conditions of any such licence to use land is that byelaws relating to the land shall be made with the consent of the grantor, or shall be made by the grantor subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, such condition shall be observed, and the grantor, acting with the approval of the Secretary of State, shall have the same power of making byelaws in relation to such land as is conferred by the said Act on the Secretary of State.

Definitions.

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

The expression "to grant land" means to grant, convey, or enfranchise land, or any limited right in or over land:

The expression "licence to use land" includes a right to use land.

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