CHAPTER 25.

An Act to remove electoral disabilities which may arise in the case of members of the Reserve and Territorial Forces and in the case of Volunteers by reason of absence on the Naval or Military service of the Crown.

[7th August 1914.]

BE it enacted by the King'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:

Absence of person in pursuance of naval or military duties not to disqualify as elector.

1.—(1) A person shall not be disqualified for being registered for voting, either as a parliamentary or as a local government elector, in respect of a qualification for which any residence or inhabitancy is required, by reason only that during the whole or any part of the qualifying period he has as a member of the naval reserve, or the army reserve, or the territorial force, or as a volunteer, been absent on actual naval or military service on behalf of the Crown, whether beyond the seas or not.

(2) A person so absent shall not be disqualified by reason of his wife or children having received poor relief during such absence.

(3) The claim to be registered as a lodger may be made and signed, in the case of a person so absent, by any other person on his behalf, and the form of the claim and declaration may in those cases be modified accordingly.

(4) In this Act the expression "volunteer" means any person who is entered or enlisted for temporary service only in connexion with any war as a member of His Majesty's naval or military forces.

Short title and duration.

2. This Act may be cited as the Electoral Disabilities (Naval and Military Service) Removal Act, 1914, and shall apply only to absence during the continuance of the present war in Europe.

CHAPTER 26.

An Act to enable Food, Forage, and Stores for His Majesty's Forces to be requisitioned in cases of emergency.

[7th August 1914.]

BE it enacted by the King'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: