

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 290.

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By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd June, 1888.

CHAPTER 4.

A.D. 1888. An Act to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army. [27th April 1888.]

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 forty-nine thousand six hundred and sixty-seven 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, 1881, will expire in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight 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, 1888.

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

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,

- (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-eight to the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, 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-eight to the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, both inclusive; and

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(c.) Elsewhere, whether within or without Her Majesty's dominions, from the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight to the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, 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.

(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.

44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.

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.

Prices in respect of billeting.

Amendments of Army Act, 1881.

4. Whereas by the third sub-section of section sixty-three of the Army Act, 1881, it is enacted as follows:—

Amendment of s. 63 of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. as to military prisoners.

“A military prisoner while in a public prison shall be confined, kept to hard labour, and otherwise dealt with in the like manner as an ordinary prisoner under a like sentence of imprisonment;”

And whereas doubts have arisen as to whether such a prisoner may be detained in and removed to or from a hospital for the prison when the hospital is detached from the prison, and it is expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

There shall be added to section sixty-three of the Army Act, 1881, at the end of the third sub-section, the following enactment:—

And where the hospital or place for the reception of sick prisoners in such prison is detached from the prison may be detained in such hospital or place and conveyed to and from the same as circumstances require.

5. Whereas by section ninety-two of the Army Act, 1881, it is provided that there shall be given to every soldier of the regular forces who is discharged a certificate of discharge stating his service, conduct, and character, and the cause of his discharge;

Amendment of s. 92 of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. as to the certificate of discharge.

And whereas it is expedient to provide for the variation of the statements in the certificate of discharge: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

In sub-section two of section ninety-two of the Army Act, 1881, the words “such particulars as may be from time to time required by regulations of a Secretary of State under this Act” shall be substituted for the words “his service, conduct, and character, and the cause of his discharge.”

6. Sections one hundred and forty-eight, one hundred and forty-nine, and one hundred and fifty of the Army Act, 1881, which relate to Military Courts of Request in India, are hereby repealed, without prejudice to anything done or suffered in pursuance thereof before such repeal takes effect, and any judgment or order made in pursuance of those sections may be carried into execution as if such repeal had not been enacted.

Repeal of ss. 148-150 of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.

7. Whereas sub-section one of section one hundred and fifty-one of the Army Act, 1881, is as follows:—

“In India all actions of debt and personal actions against persons subject to military law, other than soldiers of the regular forces, within the jurisdiction of any court of small causes, shall be cognizable by such court to the extent of its powers;”

Amendment of s. 151 of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. as to courts of small causes in India.

And whereas doubts have arisen as to whether the words “within the jurisdiction of any court” refer to persons resident within the jurisdiction, and it is expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

In sub-section one of section one hundred and fifty-one of the Army Act, 1881, the words “where the persons so subject are resident within the local jurisdiction” shall be substituted for the words “within the jurisdiction.”

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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.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 291.

The following Notice under the Contagious Diseases Ordinance, 1867, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd June, 1888.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ORDINANCE, No. 10 OF 1867.

It is hereby notified that the part of the house hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, the First Floor of No. 44, Station Street, Upper, was, on the 22nd day of June, 1888 pursuant to Section 23 of the above Ordinance, declared by me under my Hand and Seal of Office to be an Unlicensed Brothel.



J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 22nd June, 1888.

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The following Hydrographic Notices are published for general information.

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Colonial Secretary.

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Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 220.

CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—KIUKIANG DISTRICT.

N.E. Crossing Beacon Light.

NOTICE is hereby given that the N.E. Crossing Beacon Light has been shifted 104 yards N. 64° E. from its last position in consequence of the washing away of the river embankment.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

E. V. BRENNAN,
Acting Coast Inspector.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
SHANGHAI, 12th June 1888.