

CORRESPONDENCE.

21. All correspondence with the Government and with the Syndicate of the University of Cambridge, on subjects connected with the Government Scholarships, must be sent through the Inspector of Schools for the time being.

22. Candidates who intend to compete should file their applications at the Office of the Inspector of Schools not later than the 1st of May ~~preceding the examination~~, by using the printed forms approved, for the purpose, by the Governor. The complete list of Candidates, to be submitted for the approval of the Governor, will be open for the inspection of Headmasters during the first week in May ~~of the year in which an examination is held~~.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1889.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 273.

The following is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th June, 1889.

CHAPTER 3.

An Act to provide, during twelve months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army. A.D. 1889.

[11th April 1889.]

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-two thousand two hundred and eighty-two 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 :

And whereas the Army Act, 1881, will expire in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine 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:

1. This Act may be cited as the Army (Annual) Act, 1889.

44 & 45 Vict.
c. 58.

Short title.

A.D. 1889.

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-nine to the thirtieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety, 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-nine to the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety, 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 eighty-nine to the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety, 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.

44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.

(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.

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, 1881, the prices specified in the schedule to this Act.

Amendments of Army Act, 1881.

Amendment of 44
& 45 Vict. c. 58.
s. 135, as to
classification of
prisoners.

4. Whereas by section one hundred and thirty-five of the Army Act, 1881, provision is made for a difference between the treatment of prisoners convicted of breaches of discipline and the treatment of prisoners convicted of offences of an immoral, dishonest, shameful, or criminal character, and it is expedient to make provision for treating persons sentenced to be discharged from the service with ignominy in the same manner as the latter class of those prisoners: Be it therefore enacted, that in the said section after the words "criminal character" shall be added the words "or sentenced to be discharged from the service with ignominy."

Amendment of 44
& 45 Vict. c. 58.
s. 91, as to
lunatics.

5. Whereas doubts have arisen as to the effect of certain provisions of section ninety-one of the Army Act, 1881, and it is expedient to remove those doubts; be it therefore enacted as follows:

- (1.) In sub-section three of the said section for the words "and shall be subject accordingly to the provisions of that section" shall be substituted the words "and the like proceedings shall be taken thereon as on an order under that section."
- (2.) In sub-section four of the same section for the words "section eighty-five of the Act of the session of the twentieth and twenty-first years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter seventy-one, intituled, 'An Act for the regulation of the care and treatment of lunatics, and for the provision, maintenance, and regulation of lunatic asylums in Scotland,' and shall be subject accordingly to the provisions of that section," shall be substituted the words "section fifteen of the Act of the session of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter fifty-four, intituled 'An Act to make further provision respecting lunacy in Scotland,' and the like proceedings shall be taken thereon as on an order under that section."
- (3.) In sub-section five of the the said section for the word "soldier" shall be substituted the word "lunatic."

Amendment of 44
& 45 Vict. c. 58.
s. 146, as to
exemption from
service as sheriff,
&c.

6. Whereas by section one hundred and forty-six of the Army Act, 1881, it is enacted as follows:

"A person who is commissioned and in full pay as an officer in Her Majesty's regular forces, shall not be capable of being nominated or elected to be sheriff of any county, borough, or other place, or to be mayor or alderman of, or to hold any office in, any municipal corporation in any city, borough, or place in the United Kingdom;"

And it is expedient that this section should apply to all commissioned officers in Her Majesty's regular forces whilst on the active list, although not on full pay: Be it therefore enacted, that in that section for the words "A person who is commissioned and in full pay as an officer in Her Majesty's regular forces," shall be substituted the words "An officer of the regular forces on the active list within the meaning of any Royal Warrant for regulating the pay and promotion of the regular force."

7. After section one hundred and seventy-four of the Army Act, 1881, the following section shall be inserted and numbered 174A:—

A.D. 1889.

Recreation rooms.

Notwithstanding anything in the Act of the twenty-fifth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Second, chapter thirty-six, intituled "An Act for the better preventing theft and robberies and for regulating places of public entertainment and punishing persons keeping disorderly houses," or in the Act of the session held in the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty, chapter sixty-eight, intituled "An Act for regulating theatres," where a recreation room is managed or conducted under the authority of a Secretary of State or the Admiralty, it may be used for public dancing, music, or other public entertainment of the like kind or for the public performance of stage plays, without any licence in pursuance of those Acts, or either of them.

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 half-penny 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. 274.

The following Circular Despatch, and its enclosure, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th June, 1889.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
24th April, 1889.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the Colony under your Government, a copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 6th instant, for giving effect to the Treaty between Her Majesty and the President of the United States of Mexico for the mutual extradition of Fugitive Criminals, signed at Mexico on the 7th of September, 1886, the ratifications of which were exchanged at Mexico on the 22nd of January, 1889.

The Treaty will come into operation on the 19th instant, in conformity with Article XVIII.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

KNUTSFORD.

The Officer Administering the Government of

HONGKONG.