

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 366.

The following General Orders of the 26th June, 1899, together with the Army (Annual) Act, 1899, are published.

By Command,

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th June, 1899.

HEAD QUARTERS,
HONGKONG, 26th June, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 88.

The Army (Annual) Act, 1899, was received at the Head Quarters of this Com-^{Army (Annual)}mand on the 23rd instant, and in accordance with its provisions, this Act will remain ^{Act, 1899.} in force from 31st December, 1899, to 31st December, 1900, both days inclusive.

Certified true copy,

(Signed), N. P. O'GORMAN,
*Lieut.-Colonel, D.A.A.G. and
Chief Staff Officer.*

ARMY (ANNUAL) ACT, 1899.

[62 Vict. Ch. 3.]

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

A.D. 1899.

Section.

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SCHEDULE.

CHAPTER 3.

An Act to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army.

A.D. 1899.

[27th April 1899.]

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 eighty-four thousand eight hundred and fifty-three 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:

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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 will expire in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Army (Annual) Act, 1899.

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 hereinafter 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-nine to the thirtieth day of April one thousand nine hundred, 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-nine to the thirty-first day of July one thousand nine hundred, 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-nine to the thirty-first day of December one thousand nine hundred, 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.

Amendment of Army Act.

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58. ss. 91, 138, 145.

4.—(1.) In section ninety-one and in subsection (8) of section one hundred and thirty-eight, and in subsection (2) of section one hundred and forty-five, of the Army Act, after the words "a Secretary of State" in each place where they occur shall be inserted the words "or any officer deputed by him for the purpose," and after the words "the Secretary of State" in each place where they occur shall be inserted the words "or officer."

(2.) In subsection (2) of section ninety-one of the Army Act, the words "or under the hand of an under-secretary," and in proviso (a) of section one hundred and thirty-

eight the words "by a court martial, commanding officer, or Secretary of State," are hereby repealed.

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5. After the words "of the forces in India" where they occur in subsection (2) of section fifty-seven, subsection (3) of section seventy-three, and subsection (2) and proviso (b) of section one hundred and eighty-three, of the Army Act, shall be inserted the words "or such officer as the Commander-in-Chief of the forces in India, with the approval of the Governor-General of India in Council, may appoint."

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58, ss. 57, 75, 183, as amended by 56 & 57 Vict. c. 62, as to powers of Commander-in-Chief in India.

6.—(1.) In subsection (6) of section eighty-three of the Army Act, the words "or in the corps of armourer sergeants, or in the medical staff corps, or in the army service corps" and the words "or in the corps of mounted military police" shall be repealed.

Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58, ss. 83, 190, as amended by 58 Vict. c. 7, as to certain corps.

(2.) In section one hundred and ninety of the Army Act, subsection (15) (A) (iii), the words "the Army Service Corps, the Medical Staff Corps, and" and the word "other" shall be repealed.

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.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 367.

It is hereby notified that the Queen's Exequatur has been issued, empowering Don ALEXANDRO SPAGNOLO to act as Consul for Spain at Hongkong.

By Command,

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
for the Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th June, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 368.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Honourable JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK to be a Member of the Standing Law Committee of the Legislative Council in the place of the Honourable JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.

By Command,

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th June, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 369.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint H. H. J. GOMPERTZ, Barrister-at Law, to be Acting Police Magistrate and Coroner during the absence from the Colony of THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH, or until further notice.

By Command,

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st July, 1899.