



# Regimental Accounts Act 1808

## 1808 CHAPTER 128

An Act to repeal so much of an Act, passed in the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty, for regulating the Office of Paymaster General, as requires certain Accounts to be examined and settled within certain Periods, by the Secretary at War, and enabling His Majesty to make Orders for examining and settling such Accounts. [30th June 1808]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act made in the Twenty-third Tear of His present Majesty, for the better "Regulation of the Office of Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces, and the more regular Payment of the Army, and for the more effectually regulating the said Office;* and certain Provisions are contained in the said Act, as to Periods within which certain Accounts of Agents of Regiments in His Majesty's Forces transmitted to the Secretary at War, are to be examined and settled : And whereas it has been found that the said Provisions cannot be strictly complied with: And whereas the Commissioners appointed to enquire and examine into the Public Expenditure, and the Conduct of Public Business in certain Military Departments, are proceeding in an Inquiry in relation to the War Office, and the Accounts thereof, and as to Regimental Accounts and Expenditures; and it is therefore expedient that the said Provisions of the said recited Act mould be repealed, and that His Majesty mould be empowered to order and direct all such Accounts to be kept and made up, and transmitted and examined and settled by such Person or Persons in such Manner, at such Times, and at such Periods as shall be deemed expedient, so that any of the Regulations which may be suggested by such Commissioners, or which it may be other wise thought proper to adopt, may be- carried into Execution, with the least possible Delay, for the Public Service;

be it therefore 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,

**So much of recited Act as requires the, Annual Accounts of every Regiment to be settled by the Secretary at War, and requires Certificates of the Charges allowed to be tranfmitted to the Paymaster of the Forces, repealed.**

That so much of the said recited Act, as requires the Annual Accounts of every Regiment, Troop, and Company to be examined and settled by the Secretary at War, or

by such other Person or Persons, as shall be duly authorized by His Majesty for that Purpose, within Three Months after the Receipt thereof; and further requires Certificates of the several Charges allowed in the said Accounts to be transmitted to the Office of the Paymaster General of His Majesty's Forces, with Warrants signed by the King, mall be and the same is hereby repealed.

## **II His Majesty may make Regulations for the speedy Settlement of Regimental Expenditures**

And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by any Warrant or Warrants under His Royal Sign Manual, to make and issue such Orders, and declare and establish such Rules and Regulations for the more speedy and effectual Examination and Settlement of the Accounts of Regimental Expenditures, or of such other Expenditures for Army Services, as usually have been or shall be hereafter examined in the Office of the Secretary at War, as shall appear to be most expedient, and to facilitate the final Examination and Settlement of such Accounts.

## **III Balances due from Agents, &c. not paid within a Month after Demand, to be deemed a Debt to His Majesty upon Record.**

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend, to exonerate any Agent or other Public Accountant from the Payment of any Balance that may be declared to be due from him, upon the Examination and Settlement of his Accounts, under any Orders or Rules and Regulations which may be made, issued, declared, and established by His Majesty as aforesaid ; but that the Balance so declared and not paid within One Month after the same shall have been demanded, shall be deemed and considered to be a Debt to His Majesty upon Record, and be recoverable as such by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, with full Cofts of Suit, and other Charges attending the same by the like Process, as by the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom wherein such Agent or Accountant shall reside, any Debt to His Majesty arising within the same may be recovered.