

*Troops or
Militia on a
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mended by
Act 51. Geo.,
III. Cap. 5.*

Billeting

An ACT to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That whenever any regiment or detachment, of His Majesty's forces, or the Militia forces of this Province, shall be ordered to march from one District of this Province to another, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace inhabiting in or near any town, village or place, at or through which such forces shall arrive or pass, to quarter and billet the officers and soldiers of the forces so on their march as aforesaid in inns, taverns and ale houses, and where there shall not be found sufficient room in such inns, taverns and ale houses, then to quarter and billet the remainder of such officers and soldiers in the houses of persons selling spirituous liquors by retail, and in the houses of persons who have, within one month previous to the marching of such forces, kept an inn, tavern or ale house, and all persons upon whom such forces shall be quartered and billeted as aforesaid, shall and are hereby required to furnish the said officers and soldiers so billeted on them as aforesaid, with lodging, and good and sufficient provisions, consisting of bread, flesh and vegetables, and the officers commanding each and every detachment of his Majesty's forces, or of the Militia, shall give to the person or persons on whom such detachments shall have been so quartered and billeted, receipts or certificates of the number of meals furnished to his detachment, which receipts or certificates shall entitle such person or persons to receive, as is herein after mentioned, one shilling for every meal, and three pence for every night's lodging which shall have been furnished as aforesaid; and if any militia officer shall give any certificate or receipt for a greater number of meals or night's lodgings than have been actually and bona fide received for the use of his detachment or command, such militia officer, on conviction thereof before a General Court Martial, shall be cashiered, and shall moreover, forfeit and pay a fine of five pounds, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in this Province, one half whereof shall go to the informer, and the remainder shall be paid into the Treasury of the Province, for the use of the Province.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, to draw by warrant or warrants on the Treasury of the Province for the payment of all such meals of provisions, and night's lodgings, as shall have been furnished to the Militia forces on their march, and for which receipts or certificates shall be produced as aforesaid; and that whenever a route shall be granted by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, for the march of any body of his Majesty's regular Troops, who are to be removed from one Garrison or Post to another, within the Province, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or

Commander

*Allowance
for Billeting*

*False receipt
for billeting*

*Payment of
billeting re-
ceipts*