

RETURN showing the Strength of the Regular Army, including India, Accessions, Reductions, in each Year from 1814 to 31 March 1839, both inclusive; the Number of CHELSEA PENSIONERS, and the CHARGE thereof; the INCREASE and DECREASE in the NUMBER and EXPENSE: the Number of Men to whom permanent or temporary PENSIONS were granted; and the Number of permanent PENSIONS taken off the LIST.

RANK AND FILE.		Number of Pensions granted.			Total Number of Pensioners.	Number of Permanent Pensions taken off the List.	Increase of Numbers.	Decrease of Numbers.	CHARGE.			Increase of Expense.	Decrease of Expense.
		Establishment.	Permanent.	Temporary.					Amount paid on account of Pensions.	Amount paid by way of Commutations (a).	TOTAL Amount of Payments.		
Effective on 25 January.		Increase.	Decrease.					£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1814	237,946				1,059			511,947	16	7 1/2	511,947	16	7 1/2
1815	184,977		56,124		4,576	12,330		635,461	41		641,542	13	2 1/2
1816	175,649		35,384		3,032	(b) 3,645		743,336	1	9 1/2	763,039	16	11 1/2
1817	145,993		59,800		2,556	17,041		867,367	13	5	887,864	2	6
1818	123,269		6,186		2,882	4,960		915,136	8	8 1/2	925,430	5	6 1/2
1819	102,860		29,056		2,375			962,431	2	1 1/2	968,620	11	11 1/2
1820	98,979	10,358			3,691		(c) 6,503	894,108	9	7	895,944	6	6 1/2
1821	96,190		9,612		1,953	898		902,069	10	7	902,984	3	6 1/2
1822	84,412		8,402		4,639	(d) 11,919		989,365	2	3 1/2	999,696	5	10 1/2
Transferred from Kilmainham Hospital													
1823	81,713	552			4,706		176	1,234,561	13	2	1,235,252	19	-
1824	83,720	3,256			4,246	99		1,242,029	4	5 1/2	1,242,344	13	4 1/2
1825	85,638	3,733			3,694	589		1,267,493	17	11 1/2	1,268,039	19	10
1826	97,323	13,679			3,413	887		1,297,947	2	2	1,297,947	5	9 1/2
1827	99,707				3,461	(c) 2,781		1,333,876	8	1 1/2	1,336,556	4	7 1/2
1828	99,334		2,460		2,970	319		1,346,193	11	1	1,346,553	12	9
1829	96,209		275		3,684		78	1,329,104	12	1	1,323,374	17	3
1830	92,803		6,400		3,168		32	1,348,336	11	11	1,348,814	14	10 1/2
1831	88,037	7,577	(f) 8,037		4,622		1,190	1,287,384	13	7 1/2	1,334,291	2	4 1/2
1832	95,088	156			6,120		2,867	1,535,144	1	4 1/2	1,654,465	10	4 1/2
1833	95,837				4,576		4,901	1,350,051	17	2 1/2	1,399,683	7	1 1/2
1834-4	93,979		46		3,946	(h) 8,872		1,355,032	13	11	1,359,708	13	3 1/2
1834-5	91,460		(f) 8,148		3,569		1,578	1,325,160	7	5 1/2	1,328,658	7	6
1835-6	87,394		1		3,396		401	1,338,647	19	6 1/2	1,339,158	3	4 1/2
1836-7	87,642				4,398		1,003	1,335,824	14	5 1/2	1,336,299	12	11 1/2
1837-8	86,417		1		4,398			1,304,195	9	10 1/2	1,304,311	3	5 1/2
1838-9	89,091	2,635			4,056	305							

(a) The sums paid on account of the commutation of pensions from 1814 to 1830 were exclusively granted to pensioners not natives of the United Kingdom, under the authority of the 52 Geo. 3. c. 109.
 (b) The increase would have been greater, but the pensioners were embodied in Veteran Battalions in 1815.
 (c) This decrease arose from the pensioners having been embodied in Veteran Battalions in 1819.
 (d) This increase was caused by the transfer of the Kilmainham pensioners.
 (e) This increase arose from the final disbandment of the Veteran Battalions in 1826.
 (f) The decrease in the years 1830 and 1834 was effected by the army not being recruited to its full establishment.
 (g) This increase of charge was owing to the commutation of pensions, and to there being five quarters in 1832-3.
 (h) This increase principally arose from the transfer of the Ordnance pensioners to Chelsea Hospital.
 (i) There would have been a decrease of numbers but for the addition of 1,704 negro pensioners heretofore paid through the Treasury.

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