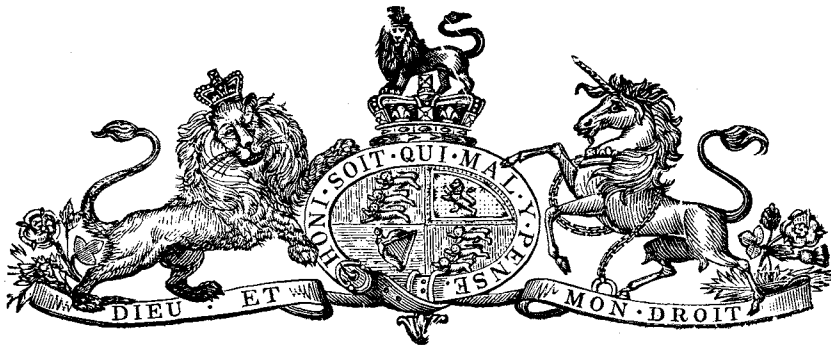


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1899.

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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 11.



AN ACT to provide for the Government, A.D. 1899.  
Discipline, Payment, and Maintenance of  
the Tasmanian Contingent of the Austral-  
asian Force to be engaged and despatched  
for service with Her Majesty's Regular  
Forces in *South Africa*. [12 October, 1899.]

WHEREAS by "The Army Act, 1881," of the Imperial Parliament of *Great Britain and Ireland* it is enacted, that where any Force of Volunteers, or of Militia, or any other Force is raised in *India* or in a Colony, any law of *India* or the Colony may extend to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men belonging to such Force, whether within or without the limits of *India* or the Colony; and where any such Force is serving with part of Her Majesty's Forces, then so far as the law of *India* or the Colony has not provided for the government and discipline of such Force, the said recited Act and any other Act for the time being amending the same shall, subject to such exceptions and modifications as may be specified in the general orders of the General Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Forces with which such Force is

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serving, apply to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of such Force in like manner as they apply to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men respectively mentioned in Sections One hundred and seventy-five and One hundred and seventy-six of the said Act as officers and soldiers subject to military law :

And whereas an offer is intended to be made by the Government of *Tasmania* to Her Majesty's Imperial Government to supply, from and on behalf of *Tasmania*, a Military Contingent in aid of Her Majesty's Forces engaged in *South Africa* :

And whereas, in the event of such offer being accepted, it is expedient that effective provision should be made for the government and discipline of the said Contingent while absent from *Tasmania* and employed on Her Majesty's service ; and it is desirable that no doubts should exist as to the applicability of Section One hundred and seventy-seven of the said " Army Act, 1881," to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the said Contingent :

And whereas it is expedient that provision should be made for the maintenance of the Tasmanian Contingent during the term of their engagement :

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows :—

Short title.

**1** This Act may be cited as " The Tasmanian Military Contingent Act, 1899."

Interpretation.

**2** In this Act the word " Contingent " means and includes the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men from time to time raised and despatched by the Government of *Tasmania* for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in *South Africa*.

Contingent declared to be a force for the purposes of Section 177 of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.

**3**—(1.) Every person engaged to serve in the Tasmanian Contingent shall be deemed to be engaged under the provisions of " The Defence Act, 1885," notwithstanding that the intended place of service of such Contingent is outside *Tasmania*, or that the intended service was or may be a service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in *South Africa*.

(2.) The said Contingent shall be deemed and taken to be a Force raised in a Colony for the purposes and within the meaning of Section 177 of " The Army Act, 1881," of the Imperial Parliament.

(3.) Nothing in this Section contained shall prejudice the power of the Governor in Council to make rules and regulations under or to exercise any other power conferred by " The Defence Act, 1885," or shall prejudice or affect the rates or scale of pay and allowances appointed or to be appointed for the Contingent, or the period, terms, or conditions of service, for or under which the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of such Contingent may be engaged.

Appropriation.

**4** The sum of Four thousand five hundred Pounds is hereby appropriated from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of *Tasmania* for the transport, payment, maintenance, and equipment of the Contingent.

The Governor in Council may make Regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Section, which Regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, if in Session, within Fourteen days after the publication thereof in the *Hobart Gazette*, and if not in Session, within Fourteen days from the commencement of the then next Session.

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5--(1). The Contingent may be attached for service or co-operation with the Forces of any other Australasian Colony or Colonies, and may be placed or serve under the orders of any Officer in command of any such Forces. A.D. 1899.

(2.) Whilst so serving or co-operating with Forces of any other Australasian Colony or Colonies, Officers and non-commissioned Officers of the Force of such Colonies shall exercise for the time being the same command as if such Officers and non-commissioned Officers were engaged as part of the *Tasmania* Contingent under this Act. Co-operation of Contingent with Forces of other Australasian Colonies.

(3.) Officers of the same relative rank shall exercise command and take precedence according to the dates of their commission in their respective Colonies.

