



CHAPTER 48.

An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Reserve Forces. A.D. 1882.
[18th August 1882.]

BE it 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:

Preliminary.

1. This Act may be cited as the Reserve Forces Act, 1882. Short title.
2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, which day is in this Act referred to as the commencement of this Act. Commence-
ment of Act.

PART I.

ARMY RESERVE.

3. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty to keep up a force in the United Kingdom, called the army reserve, to consist of two classes, as follows:— Establish-
ment of army
reserve.

Class I.—The first class shall consist of such number of men as may from time to time be provided by Parliament, and shall be liable, when called out on permanent service, to serve either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and shall consist of men who, having served in any of Her Majesty's regular forces, may either be transferred to the reserve in pursuance of the Army Act 1881, or be enlisted or re-engaged in pursuance of this Act. 44 & 45 Vict.
c. 58.

For the purpose of establishing a supplemental reserve it shall be lawful for Her Majesty to direct that the first class of the army reserve shall consist of two divisions, and in the event of such direction being given men in the second division shall not be liable to be called out on permanent service until directions have been given for calling out the whole of the first division on such service.

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Class II.—The second class shall consist of such number of men as may from time to time be provided by Parliament, and shall be liable, when called out on permanent service, to serve in the United Kingdom only, and shall consist of men who—

(a.) being out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, or (on account of service in the Royal Marines) out-pensioners of Greenwich Hospital; or

(b.) having served in any of Her Majesty's regular forces for not less than the full term of their original enlistment, may be enlisted or re-engaged in pursuance of this Act.

Procedure and term of service on enlistment or re-engagement.

4. Every man who enters the army reserve—

(a.) If he enters otherwise than by transfer to the reserve in pursuance of the Army Act 1881, shall be enlisted; and

(b.) If he is re-engaged in the army reserve, shall be re-engaged, in such manner, and for a term of such length, and to begin at such date, as may be prescribed.

Calling out army reserve in aid of the civil power.

5. (1.) It shall be lawful for a Secretary of State, at any time when occasion appears to require, to call out the whole or so many as he thinks necessary of the men belonging to the army reserve, to aid the civil power in the preservation of the public peace.

(2.) It shall be lawful for any officer commanding Her Majesty's forces in any town or district, on the requisition in writing of any justice of the peace, to call out for the purpose aforesaid the men belonging to the army reserve who are resident in such town or district, or such of them as he may think necessary.

(3.) Any power by this section vested in a Secretary of State may as regards men resident in Ireland be exercised also by the Lord Lieutenant.

Punishment of certain offences by army reserve men.

6. (1.) Where a man belonging to the army reserve—

(a.) Fails without reasonable excuse on two consecutive occasions to comply with the orders or regulations in force under this Act with respect to the payment of the army reserve; or

(b.) When required by or in pursuance of the orders or regulations in force under this Act to attend at any place, fails without reasonable excuse to attend in accordance with such requirement; or

(c.) Uses threatening or insulting language, or behaves in an insubordinate manner, to any officer or warrant or non-commissioned officer who in pursuance of the orders or regulations in force under this Act is acting in the execution of his office,

and who would be the superior officer of such man if such man were subject to military law ; or A.D. 1882.

(*d.*) By any fraudulent means obtains or is accessory to the obtaining of any pay or other sum contrary to the orders or regulations in force under this Act ; or

(*e.*) Fails without reasonable excuse to comply with the orders or regulations in force under this Act,
he shall be guilty of an offence.

(2.) A man belonging to the army reserve who commits an offence under this section, whether otherwise subject to military law or not, shall be liable as follows ; that is to say,

(*a.*) be liable to be tried by court-martial, and on conviction to suffer imprisonment, or such less punishment as in the Army Act 1881 mentioned ; or

(*b.*) be liable to be convicted by a court of summary jurisdiction, and to be sentenced to a fine of not less than forty shillings and not more than twenty-five pounds, and in default of payment to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not less than seven days and not more than the maximum term allowed by law for nonpayment of the fine ;
and may in any case be taken into military custody.

(3.) Where a man belonging to the army reserve commits in the presence of any officer any offence under this section, or any offence under sub-section two or sub-section three of section one hundred and forty-two of the Army Act 1881 (relating to the punishment of personation), that officer may, if he thinks fit, order such man, in lieu of being taken into military custody, to be taken into custody by any constable, and brought before a court of summary jurisdiction for the purpose of being dealt with by that court.

(4.) A certificate purporting to be signed by an officer who is therein mentioned as an officer appointed to pay a man belonging to the army reserve, and stating that such man has failed on two consecutive occasions to comply with the orders or regulations in force under this Act with respect to the payment of the army reserve, shall, without proof of the signature or appointment of such officer, be evidence of such failure.

(5.) Where a man belonging to the army reserve is required by or in pursuance of the orders or regulations in force under this Act to attend at any place, a certificate purporting to be signed by an officer or person who is mentioned in such certificate as appointed to be present at such place for the purpose of inspecting men

A.D. 1882. — belonging to the army reserve, or for any other purpose connected with such reserve, and stating that the man failed to attend in accordance with the said requirement, shall, without proof of the signature or appointment of such officer or person, be evidence of such failure.

Men exempt
from parish
offices, &c.

7. A man belonging to the army reserve shall not be liable to serve the office of constable, or any other parochial, township, or borough office.

PART II.

MILITIA RESERVE.

Establish-
ment of
militia
reserve.

8. (1.) It shall be lawful for Her Majesty to keep up a force in the United Kingdom called the militia reserve, consisting of such number of men as may from time to time be provided by Parliament.

(2.) A Secretary of State may cause to be enlisted from time to time in the militia reserve such militiamen as are willing to enlist themselves, not exceeding the prescribed number (if any) out of any particular corps.

Term of
service, and
re-engage-
ment.

9. (1.) Every man enlisted in the militia reserve shall be enlisted to serve either for six years or for the residue of the term of his militia engagement.

(2.) A man in the militia reserve who is re-engaged as a militiaman may also be re-engaged in the militia reserve for the prescribed period, not exceeding the term for which he is re-engaged as a militiaman.

Effect of en-
listment on
position as
militiaman.

10. (1.) A man belonging to the militia reserve shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, continue to be for all purposes a militiaman, and if he has enlisted in the militia reserve for a period which will expire subsequently to the expiration of his militia engagement he shall be deemed to have enlisted in the militia for such longer period.

(2.) A Secretary of State may in his discretion at any time discharge a man belonging to the militia reserve from his engagement, and a man so discharged shall thenceforth for the remainder of his engagement in the militia reserve be a militiaman only, and may be discharged from the militia or otherwise dealt with accordingly.

(3.) When a man has enlisted in the militia reserve, his place in the militia shall not be deemed vacant until directions are given for calling him out on permanent service, but when such directions are given his place shall be deemed vacant, and shall be filled in manner provided by law with respect to vacancies in the militia.

(4.) When a man who has been so called out is released from permanent service on the ground of his services being no longer required, he shall again become for the remainder (if any) of his engagement a militiaman in the corps to which he previously belonged, with rank and pay not lower than he was entitled to before he entered on permanent service; and if there is no vacancy, he shall be deemed to be a supernumerary until there is a vacancy.

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PART III.

GENERAL.

Annual Training and Calling out on Permanent Service of Reserves.

11. (1.) All or any of the men belonging to the army reserve and the militia reserve respectively may be called out for annual training at such time or times, and at such place or places within the United Kingdom, and for such period or periods, as may be prescribed, not exceeding in any one year, in the case of a man belonging to the army reserve twelve days or twenty drills, and in the case of a man belonging to the militia reserve fifty-six days.

Annual training of reserve forces.

(2.) Every man so called out may during his annual training be attached to and trained with a body of the regular or auxiliary forces.

(3.) The annual training under this section of a man belonging to the militia reserve shall be in substitution for the annual training to which he is liable as a militiaman.

12. (1.) In case of imminent national danger or of great emergency, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council by proclamation, the occasion being first communicated to Parliament, if Parliament be then sitting, or declared in Council and notified by the proclamation, if Parliament be not then sitting, to order that the army reserve and the militia reserve, or either of them, shall be called out on permanent service.

Calling out reserve forces on permanent service.

(2.) It shall be lawful for Her Majesty by any such proclamation to order a Secretary of State from time to time to give, and when given to revoke or vary, such directions as may seem necessary or proper for calling out the forces or force mentioned in the proclamation, or all or any of the men belonging thereto.

(3.) Every such proclamation and the directions given in pursuance thereof shall be obeyed as if enacted in this Act, and every man for the time being called out by such directions shall attend at the place and time fixed by those directions, and at and

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(4.) A proclamation under this section shall for the purposes of the Army Act 1881 be deemed to be a proclamation requiring soldiers in the reserve to re-enter upon army service.

Assembly of
Parliament
when reserve
forces or-
dered to be
called out on
permanent
service.

13. Whenever Her Majesty orders the army reserve and militia reserve, or either of them, to be called out on permanent service, if Parliament be then separated by such adjournment or prorogation as will not expire within ten days, a proclamation shall be issued for the meeting of Parliament within ten days, and Parliament shall accordingly meet and sit upon the day appointed by such proclamation, and shall continue to sit and act in like manner as if it had stood adjourned or prorogued to the same day.

Service of
reserve men
called out.

14. (1.) A man belonging to either of the reserve forces when called out on permanent service shall be liable to serve until Her Majesty no longer requires his services, so, however, that he shall not be required to serve for a period exceeding in the whole the remainder unexpired of his term of service in the reserve force to which he belongs, and any further period not exceeding twelve months during which as a soldier of the regular forces he can, under section eighty-seven of the Army Act 1881, be detained in service after the time at which he would otherwise be entitled to be discharged.

(2.) A man called out on permanent service shall during his service form part of the regular forces, and be subject to the Army Act 1881 accordingly, and the competent military authority within the meaning of Part Two of that Act may, if it seems proper, appoint him to any corps as a soldier of the regular forces, and the competent military authority within the meaning of the said Part Two may within three months after such appointment transfer him to any other corps of the regular forces, so, however, that he shall not without his consent be appointed or transferred to a corps which is not in the arm or branch in which he previously served.

(3.) Nothing in this section shall render a man in the second class of the army reserve liable to serve out of the United Kingdom, and such man may from time to time be transferred from one corps to another for the purpose of securing his non-liability to service out of the United Kingdom.

Punishment
for non-
attendance
for annual
training or
permanent
service, &c.

15. (1.) When a man belonging to the army or militia reserve is called out for annual training, or on permanent service, or when a man belonging to the army reserve is called out in aid of the civil power, and such man, without leave lawfully granted or such

sickness or other reasonable excuse as may be allowed in the prescribed manner, fails to appear at any time and place at which he is required upon such calling out to attend, he shall—

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(a.) If called out on permanent service, or in aid of the civil power, be guilty, according to the circumstances, of deserting within the meaning of section twelve, or of absenting himself without leave within the meaning of section fifteen, of the Army Act 1881; and

(b.) If called out for annual training, be guilty of absenting himself without leave within the meaning of section fifteen of the Army Act 1881.

(2.) A man belonging to the army or militia reserve who commits an offence under this section, or under section twelve or section fifteen of the Army Act 1881, whether otherwise subject to military law or not, shall be liable as follows; that is to say,

(a.) be liable to be tried by court-martial, and convicted and punished accordingly; or

(b.) be liable to be convicted by a court of summary jurisdiction, and to be sentenced to a fine of not less than forty shillings and not more than twenty-five pounds, and in default of payment to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not less than seven days and not more than the maximum term allowed by law for nonpayment of the fine;

and may in any case be taken into military custody.

16. (1.) Section one hundred and fifty-four of the Army Act 1881 shall apply to a man who is a deserter or absentee without leave from the army or militia reserve within the meaning of this Act in like manner as it applies to a deserter in that section mentioned, and a man who under that section is delivered into military custody or committed for the purpose of being so delivered may be tried as provided by this Act.

Supplemental provisions as to deserters and absentees.

(2.) Any person who falsely represents himself to be a deserter or absentee without leave from the army or militia reserve shall be liable, on conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction, to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding three months.

17. (1.) Any person who by any means whatsoever—

(a.) Procures or persuades any man belonging to the army or militia reserve to commit an offence of absence without leave within the meaning of this Act, or attempts to procure or persuade any man belonging to the army or militia reserve to commit such offence; or

Punishment for inducing reserve man to desert or absent himself.

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(b.) Knowing that a man belonging to the army or militia reserve is about to commit an offence of absence without leave within the meaning of this Act, aids or assists him in so doing ; or

(c.) Knowing any man belonging to the army or militia reserve to be an absentee without leave within the meaning of this Act, conceals such man, or aids or assists him in concealing himself, or employs or continues to employ him, or aids or assists in his rescue ;

shall be liable, on conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction, to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

(2.) Section one hundred and fifty-three of the Army Act 1881 shall apply as if a man belonging to the army or militia reserve were a soldier, and as if the word "desert" and other words referring to desertion included desertion within the meaning of this Act as well as desertion within the meaning of the Army Act 1881 ; and any person who, knowing any man belonging to the army or militia reserve to be a deserter within the meaning of this Act or of the Army Act 1881, employs or continues to employ such man, shall be deemed to aid him in concealing himself within the meaning of the said section.

Supplemental.

Attestation
of men en-
listing in re-
serve forces.

18. (1.) Subject to the provisions of this Act, and save as is otherwise prescribed, a man enlisting in the army or militia reserve shall be attested in the same manner as a recruit in the regular forces, and the following sections of the Army Act 1881 ; (that is to say)—

Section eighty (relating to the mode of enlistment and attestation) ;

Section ninety-eight (imposing a fine for unlawful recruiting) ;

Section ninety-nine (making recruits punishable for false answers) ;

Section one hundred (relating to the validity of attestation and enlistment, or re-engagement) ;

Section one hundred and one (relating to the competent military authority) ; and

So much of section one hundred and sixty-three as relates to an attestation paper, or a copy thereof, or a declaration, being evidence, shall apply in like manner as if they were herein re-enacted, with the substitution—

(a.) Of "man," or, if the context so requires, "reserve man," for "soldier," and of "army reserve or militia reserve, as the case may be," for "regular forces" ; and

(b.) In section one hundred, so far as relates to the militia reserve, of "one whole period of annual training" for "three months."

(2.) A man so enlisting may be attested by a regular officer, or by a militia officer, and the sections of the Army Act 1881 in this section mentioned, and also section thirty-three of the same Act, shall, as applied to the army or militia reserve, be construed as if a justice of the peace in those sections included such an officer.

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19. (1.) Where a man belonging to the army reserve or militia reserve is subject to military law, and is illegally absent from his duty, a court of inquiry under section seventy-two of the Army Act 1881 may be assembled after the expiration of twenty-one days from the date of such absence, notwithstanding that the period during which such man was subject to military law is less than twenty-one days, or has expired before the expiration of twenty-one days; and the record mentioned in that section may be entered in manner thereby provided, or in such regimental books and by such officer as may be prescribed.

Record of
illegal
absence of
reserve man.

(2.) Where a man belonging to the army reserve or militia reserve fails to appear at the time and place at which he is required upon being called out for annual training or on permanent service to attend, and his absence continues for not less than fourteen days, an entry of such absence shall be made by the prescribed officer in the prescribed manner and in the prescribed regimental books, and such entry shall be conclusive evidence of the fact of such absence.

20. (1.) Subject to the provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by order signified under the hand of a Secretary of State, from time to time to make, and when made revoke and vary, orders with respect to the government, discipline, and pay of the army reserve and the militia reserve or either of them, and with respect to other matters and things relating to the army reserve and the militia reserve or either of them, including any matter by this Act authorized to be prescribed, or expressed to be subject to orders or regulations.

Orders and
regulations
as to reserve
forces.

(2.) Subject to the provisions of any such order, a Secretary of State may from time to time make, and when made revoke and vary, general or special regulations with respect to any matter with respect to which Her Majesty may make orders under this section.

(3.) Where a man entered the army or militia reserve before the date of any order or regulation made under this Act, nothing in such order or regulation shall render such man liable, without his consent, to be appointed, transferred, or attached to any military body to which he could not, without his consent, have been appointed, transferred, or attached if the said order or regulation had not been made.

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(4.) All orders and general regulations made under this Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as practicable after they are made, if Parliament be then sitting, or if Parliament be not sitting, then as soon as practicable after the beginning of the then next session of Parliament.

Exercise of
powers
vested in
holder of
military
office.

21. (1.) Any power or jurisdiction given to, and any act or thing to be done by, to, or before any person holding any military office may in relation to the reserve forces be exercised by or done by, to, or before any other person for the time being authorized in that behalf according to the custom of the service.

(2.) Where by this Act, or by any order or regulation in force under this Act, any order is authorized to be made by any military authority, such order may be signified by an order, instruction, or letter under the hand of any officer authorized to issue orders on behalf of such military authority, and an order, instruction, or letter purporting to be signed by any officer appearing therein to be so authorized shall be evidence of his being so authorized.

Pensions of
army reserve
men.

22. Where, either before or after the passing of this Act, a man in the army reserve has been called out on permanent service, and at the termination of such service has been returned to the army reserve, and has become entitled to pension under any order or regulation in force under this Act (whether made before or after such calling out or return), the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital shall have the same power to award and pay the said pension, and otherwise in relation to the said pension, as they would have if such man had been discharged from the army on reduction.

Application
to reserve
forces of
enactments
respecting
exemptions
from tolls
and convey-
ance of
regular
forces.

23. (1.) For the purpose of section one hundred and forty-three of the Army Act 1881, and of all other enactments relating to such duties, tolls, and ferries as are in that section mentioned, officers and men belonging to the army or militia reserve, when going to or returning from any place at which they are required to attend, and for non-attendance at which they are liable to be punished, shall be deemed to be officers and soldiers of Her Majesty's regular forces on duty.

(2.) All enactments for the time being in force concerning the conveyance by railway or otherwise of any part of the regular forces, and their baggage, stores, arms, ammunition, and other necessities and things, shall apply as if the army and militia reserve were such part of the regular forces.

Notices.

24. With respect to notices required in pursuance of the orders or regulations in force under this Act to be given to men belonging to the army or militia reserve, the following provisions shall have effect :

(1.) A notice may be served on any such man either by being sent by post to his last registered place of abode, or by being served in the prescribed manner; A.D. 1882.

(2.) Evidence of the delivery at the last registered place of abode of a man belonging to the army or militia reserve of a notice, or of a letter addressed to such man and containing a notice, shall be evidence that such notice was brought to the knowledge of such man;

(3.) The publication of a notice in the prescribed manner in the parish in which the last registered place of abode of a man belonging to the army or militia reserve is situate shall be sufficient notice to such man, notwithstanding that a copy of such notice is not served on him;

(4.) Every constable, overseer of the poor, and inspector of the poor shall, when so required by or on behalf of a Secretary of State, conform with the orders and regulations for the time being in force under this Act with respect to the publication and service of notices, and in default shall be liable, on conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction, to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

25. (1.) Any offence which under this Act is punishable on conviction by court-martial shall for all purposes of and incidental to the arrest, trial, and punishment of the offender, including the summary dealing with the case by his commanding officer, be deemed to be an offence under the Army Act 1881, with this modification, that any reference in that Act to forfeitures and stoppages shall be construed to refer to such forfeitures and stoppages as may be prescribed. Trial of offences

(2.) Any offence which under this Act is punishable on conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction may be prosecuted, and any fine recoverable on such conviction may be recovered, in manner provided by sections one hundred and sixty-six, one hundred and sixty-seven, and one hundred and sixty-eight of the Army Act 1881, in like manner as if those sections were herein re-enacted and in terms made applicable to this Act.

(3.) Save as provided by the said section one hundred and sixty-six, the minimum fixed by this Act for the amount of any fine or for the term of any imprisonment shall be duly observed by courts of summary jurisdiction, and shall, notwithstanding anything contained in any other Act, not be reduced by way of mitigation or otherwise.

(4.) For all purposes in relation to the arrest, trial, and punishment of a person for any offence punishable under this Act, including

A.D. 1882. the summary dealing with the case by the commanding officer, this Act shall apply to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Provisions as to offences triable both by court-martial and by court of summary jurisdiction.

26. With respect to the trial and punishment of men charged with offences which in pursuance of this Act are cognizable both by a court-martial and by a court of summary jurisdiction, the following provisions shall have effect:—

- (1.) An alleged offender shall not be liable to be tried both by court-martial and by a court of summary jurisdiction, but may be tried by either of such courts, according as may be prescribed by orders or regulations under this Act.
- (2.) Proceedings against an alleged offender, before either a court-martial or his commanding officer or a court of summary jurisdiction, may be instituted whether the term of his reserve service has or has not expired, and may, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, be instituted at any time within two months after the time at which the offence becomes known to an officer who under the orders or regulations in force under this Act has power to direct the offender to be tried by a court-martial or by a court of summary jurisdiction, if the offender is apprehended at that time, or if he is not apprehended at that time, then within two months after the time at which he is apprehended, whether such apprehension is by a civil or military authority, and any limitation contained in any other Act with respect to the time for hearing and determining an offence shall not apply in the case of any proceedings so instituted.
- (3.) For the purposes of this section the expression “tried by court-martial” shall include “dealt with summarily by his commanding officer.”

Evidence.

27. (1.) Section one hundred and sixty-four of the Army Act 1881 (which relates to evidence of the civil conviction or acquittal of a person subject to military law) shall apply to a man belonging to the army or militia reserve who is tried by a civil court, whether he is or is not at the time of such trial subject to military law.

(2.) Section one hundred and sixty-three of the Army Act 1881 (relating to evidence) shall apply to all proceedings under this Act.

Definitions.

28. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

The expression “man” includes a warrant officer not holding an honorary commission, and a non-commissioned officer.

The expression “out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital” includes all persons whose claims for prospective or deferred pension have been registered in virtue of any warrant of Her Majesty.

The expression "prescribed" means prescribed by orders or regulations in force under this Act. A.D. 1882.

Other expressions have the same meaning as they have in the Army Act 1881.

In the Army Act 1881 the expressions "army reserve force" and "militia reserve force" shall respectively mean the army reserve and militia reserve under this Act.

29. The Acts mentioned in the schedule to this Act are hereby repealed as from the commencement of this Act to the extent in the third column of that schedule mentioned: Repeal of
Acts.

Provided as follows—

(1.) Such repeal shall not revive any enactment, and shall not, save as herein otherwise provided, affect anything previously done or suffered, or any existing right or title, or any remedy in respect thereof, or the proof of any past act.

(2.) All orders, warrants, regulations, and directions in relation to the army reserve force or to the militia reserve force which exist at the commencement of this Act shall, so far as consistent with the tenor thereof, be of the same effect as if they were orders or regulations under this Act, and may be revoked or altered accordingly.

(3.) Any man who at the commencement of this Act belongs to the first or second class of the army reserve force, or to the militia reserve force, shall continue to belong to the first or second class of the army reserve or to the militia reserve under this Act, as the case may be, in like manner as if he had entered the same in pursuance of this Act.

(4.) Where a man belonging to either the army reserve force or the militia reserve force entered such force before the passing of the Regulation of the Forces Act 1881, or before the date of any regulation made under the said Act, nothing in the said Act or regulation or in this Act shall require such man without his consent to serve in or be appointed, transferred, or attached to any military body in or to which he could not have been required without his consent to serve or be appointed, transferred, or attached, if the Regulation of the Forces Act 1881, or this Act, or the said regulation, as the case may be, had not been passed or made, or to serve for any longer period than that for which he was before the passing of the Regulation of the Forces Act 1881, or before the date of such regulation, as the case may be, liable to serve. 44 & 45 Vict.
c. 57.

(5.) In the case of any offence committed before the commencement of this Act, if any proceeding for the trial or punishment

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Where a proclamation has been issued, or any man belonging to the army or militia reserve has been called out before the commencement of this Act, this Act shall apply as if such proclamation had been issued, and men called out in pursuance of this Act.

SCHEDULE.

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ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

A description or citation of an Act in this Schedule is inclusive of the word, section, or other part first and last mentioned or otherwise referred to as forming the beginning, or as forming the end, of the portion described in the description or citation.

30 & 31 Vict. c. 110.	The Reserve Force Act, 1867.	The whole Act.
30 & 31 Vict. c. 111.	The Militia Reserve Act, 1867.	The whole Act.
33 & 34 Vict. c. 67.	The Army Enlistment Act, 1870.	Sections fourteen and fifteen, and section twenty, except so far as it relates to the militia, yeomanry, or volunteers.
34 & 35 Vict. c. 86.	The Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871.	So much of sections seven and nineteen as relates to the army reserve or the militia reserve.
36 & 37 Vict. c. 68.	An Act for extending the Period of Service in the Militia; and for other purposes.	Section six.
41 & 42 Vict. c. 10.	An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.	Sections forty-two, forty-seven, forty-eight, and one hundred and nine.
42 & 43 Vict. c. 32.	The Army Discipline and Regulation (Commencement) Act, 1879.	Section five, from "Any reference in the Reserve Force" to the end of the section, and so much of the rest of the section as relates to the reserve forces or keeps in force any portion of the Army Mutiny Act relating to the reserve forces.
42 & 43 Vict. c. 33.	The Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879.	So much as is unrepealed.
44 & 45 Vict. c. 57.	The Regulation of the Forces Act, 1881.	Sections ten to thirteen and forty-five, and so much of section fifty-three as relates to the reserve forces.
44 & 45 Vict. c. 58.	The Army Act, 1881 -	Section one hundred and sixty-three, from "evidence of the delivery" to "knowledge of such man" (being paragraph (f.) of sub-section one); section one hundred and ninety, from "the expression the army reserve force" to "Militia Reserve Act, 1867, and any Act amending the same"; and section one hundred and ninety-three from "so much of the Army Discipline and Regulation Act, 1879," to the end of the section.

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