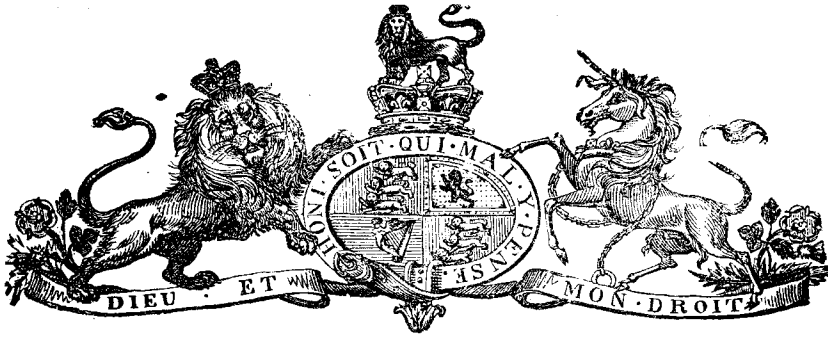


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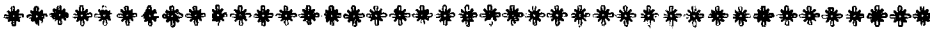


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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 23.



AN ACT to amend "The Defence Act, 1885." A.D. 1900.
[20 November, 1900.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to further amend "The Defence Act, 1885." PREAMBLE.

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:—

1 This Act may be cited as "The Defence Act, 1900." Short title.

2 In this Act, unless the context otherwise determines, "the said Act" means "The Defence Act, 1885." Interpretation. 49 Vict. No. 16.

3 Section Eight of the said Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following shall be and deemed to be and may be cited as Section Eight of the said Act:— Substitution for Section Eight of 49 Vict. No. 16.

"**8** The Active Force may consist of Squadrons of Cavalry, Batteries of Field Artillery, Companies of Garrison Artillery, Regiments and Companies of Mounted Infantry, Companies of Engineers, Companies of Submarine Miners, Regiments, Battalions, and Companies of Infantry, and Sections of Departmental Corps, in such proportions as the Governor may appoint, and the strength of each such regiment, battalion, battery, squadron, company, or section shall be regulated from time to time by the Governor. How Active Force to be composed.

The total number of officers and men of all branches of the Active Force shall not, in time of peace, exceed Three thousand "

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Defence.

A.D. 1900.

Repeal.
53 Vict. No. 36.

4 Sections Nineteen to Twenty-four, both inclusive of "The Defence Act, 1889," are hereby repealed.

Every person who shall, at the date of the passing of this Act, be a member of any corps established under the provisions of the said Sections, shall be deemed to be transferred to and become a member of the Active Force.

Rifle and drill
associations.

5—(1.) The Governor may sanction the organisation of rifle clubs and of associations for purposes of drill, under such conditions as may be prescribed, and may provide arms, accoutrements, and ammunition for them; and such clubs or associations may or may not be provided with clothing or receive an allowance therefor.

(2.) The Governor may at any time disband any rifle club or association if he considers it necessary to do so.

Form of oath.
49 Vict. No. 16.

6 The words "I, *A.B.*, do sincerely promise and swear (*or* solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty," in the Fifth and Sixth lines of the Fourteenth Section of the said Act, are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following words are hereby inserted in the said Section; viz. :—

"I, _____, do swear that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the Defence Force of *Tasmania*, for a period of _____ years from the day of _____, 19____, or until legally discharged, dismissed, or removed; and that I will resist Her Majesty's enemies, and cause Her Majesty's peace to be kept; and that I will prevent, to the best of my power, all offences against the same.

SO HELP ME GOD."

Acts to be read
together.

7 This Act, and the said Act, and every Amendment thereof, save as amended by this Act, shall be read and construed together as one and the same Act