

with any of the private House-Keepers or Ordinary-Keepers, dwelling within or near and convenient to the Towns and Places aforesaid, for the finding and providing good and convenient Lodging, Firing, Candles, Vinegar, Salt, and small Beer or Cyder not exceeding Two Pints *per Diem* for each Man, and the necessary Utensils for dressing and eating their Meat, for the said Forces, at such Rate as they the said Commissioners, or any one of them, in Case of Sicknes or other Inability in the other, can agree for, so that the said Rate exceeds not the Sum of Six Pence for each private Soldier *per Diem*.

XLIV. *And be it further Enacted*, That in Case a sufficient Number of private House-Keepers or Ordinary-Keepers, shall not be found at or near and convenient to the Places aforesaid, willing to contract and agree to take in, lodge and provide for, the whole Number, or any Part of the Forces, ordered to the Places aforesaid, that then and in such Case, the Commissioners for the Places aforesaid shall and they are hereby required, for the Purpose aforesaid, to agree for, take up, and rent, any Dwelling-Houses they shall find empty and not tenanted, and shall think proper, at or near and convenient to the Places aforesaid, and in the best, easiest and cheapest Manner, purchase and provide, or contract for the purchasing and providing, convenient Bedding, Firing, Candles, Vinegar, Salt, and small Beer or Cyder not exceeding Two Pints *per Diem* for each Man, and the necessary Utensils for dressing and eating their Meat, for the whole Number of Forces ordered to the respective Places aforesaid, or for such Part of the said Number as shall be and remain uncontracted for with the private House-Keepers or Ordinary-Keepers, in or near and convenient to the respective Towns for which they shall be appointed and nominated Commissioners.

XLV. *And be it further Enacted*, That in Case the Owners or Possessors of the Dwelling-Houses, empty and untenanted as aforesaid, shall refuse to agree with the Commissioners aforesaid, for the said Houses, or refuse to let the said Houses for the Purpose aforesaid, or demand what, by the Commissioners, or any one of them, in Case of Sicknes or other Inability of the other, shall be thought an exorbitant or extravagant Rent, that then and in such Case the Commissioners aforesaid are hereby required and impowered to nominate and appoint one good and sufficient Person, being a Freeholder and Inhabitant of the respective Town, for which they are nominated and appointed to act as Commissioners aforesaid, or residing near thereto, and the Owner
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