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Military Obligation: THE AMERICAN TRADITION

*A Compilation of the Enactments of Compulsion
From the Earliest Settlements
of the Original Thirteen Colonies in 1607
Through the
Articles of Confederation 1789*

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PART 6. MASSACHUSETTS ENACTMENTS

THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

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No bark, boards, &c., to be exported. Repealed June 11, 1670.

It is enacted by the Court and the authoritie therof That noe barke nor board shalbe transported out of this Collonie nor noe kind of timber except it be wrought up in vessells or Caske on penaltie of forfeiting of all the same or the vallue therof; to the use of the Collonie.

No boards to be brought into the colouy, and none to be sold for more than forty-five shillings per thousand. Repealed June 11 1670.

It is enacted by the Court that noe boards shalbe brought into this Collonie and that no boards shalbe sold in this Jurisdiction to exceed in prise five and forty shillings a thousand delivered att the watersyde in the Townshipp where they are Sawen on the penaltie of paying a fine of ten shillings a thousand to the use of the Collonie and this order not to take place until the next October Court.

Selectmen may issue warrants.

It is enacted by the Court that some one of the Celectmen of every Towne of this Jurisdiction be heerby impowered to issue forth warrants in his Maties name to arrest or attach any pson or psons or in defect of them theire goods to answare any suite within theire Cognizance as occasion may require.

None allowed to vote in town meetings but freemen, or freeholders of £20 ratable estate.

It is enacted by the Court that none shall voate in Town meetings but freemen or freeholders of twenty pound ratable estate and of good conversation haveing taken the oath of fidelitie.

All fines under ten shillings to be paid in money.

It is enacted by the Court that all censures by fine from ten shillings and under shalbe payed in money; and that the fine for fornication be payed forthwith in money or else to be punished with corporall punishment.

Constables to serve such executions as selectmen shall direct them.

It is enacted by the Court that the Constables in every respective Towneship of this Jurisdiction shall serve such executions as shalbe directed to them by any of the Celectmen of the respective townships.

A father having three sons bearing arms shall be exempt from military duty, if the council of war consent to it.

It is enacted by the Court that whosoever hath three sonnes in his family that beare armes in the Milletary Companie; theire father shalbe freed from that service if the Councill of warr or any three of them shall see cause.

No single person to live by himself or in any family not approved by the selectmen.

Wheras great inconvenience hath arisen by single psons in this Collonie being for themselves and not betakeing themselves to live in well govⁿed families It is enacted by the Court that henceforth noe single pson be suffered to live of himselfe or in any family but such as the Celectmen of the Towne shall approve of; and if any pson or psons shall refuse or neglect to attend such order as shalbe given them by the Celectmen; That such pson or psons shalbe sumoned to the Court to be proceeded with as the matter shall require.

All troopers that maintain their own arms to be exempt from the town charge for drums, &c.

Wheras by order of the Councell of warr the Townes of this Jurisdiction respectively are to find drumes pikes halberts and Coullers att theire own charge; It is thought meet and accordingly ordered by the Court that all such troopers as find and maintaine theire owne