



# Acts and Laws

Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*: Begun and Held at *Boston*, upon Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of *May* 1757. And continued by Prorogations to Wednesday the twenty-third Day of *November* following, and then met.

## CHAP. XI.

An Act making Provision for the Quartering and Billeting Recruiting Officers and Recruits in his Majesty's Regular Forces, employed for the Protection and Defence of his Majesty's Dominions in *North-America*.

**W**HEREAS the Provision made by this Government for Quartering his Majesty's Troops in Barracks at *Castle-William*, is found inconvenient for the Purposes of such Recruiting Parties as are or may be employed in his Majesty's Service within this Province: Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives, That when and so often as, during the Continuance of this Act, Application shall be made by any Recruiting Officer or Officers in any of the Troops that are or may be employed in his Majesty's Service, for the Protection and Defence of his Majesty's Colonies upon the Continent of *North-America*, to any of the Select-Men of any Town or District within this Province, or in the Default or Absence from the respective Towns and Districts, of any Select-Men, to any one Justice of the Peace for the County inhabiting in or near such Town or District, such Select-Men and such Justice are hereby required to quarter and billet such Recruiting Officers and such Recruits in his Majesty's Service, in any of the public Houses within such Town or District licenced for the selling within Doors, Wine, Rum or other strong Liquors by Retail: And the Officers and Soldiers so quartered and billeted as aforesaid, shall be received and furnished with Diet, and small Beer or Cyder, by the Occupiers of such licenced Houses in which they may be

Recruiting Officers on Application, to have Quarters provided by the Select-Men, or in Default or Absence of the Select-Men, by a Justice of the Peace, on public Houses, who are to furnish them with Diet, &c.

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## Militia.

## C H A P. XII.

An Act in Addition to the several Acts of this Province  
for Regulating the Militia.

**W**HEREAS it is found necessary that further Provision be made for Arm- Preamble.  
ing and Disciplining the Militia :

Be it enacted by the Governour, Council and House of Representatives, That the Captain or chief Officer of each Military Foot Company, shall instruct and employ his Company in Military Exercises six Days in a Year for two Years, from the first Day of *March* next, viz. on the second and third Mondays in *April*, the first Monday in *May*, the first Tuesday in *June*, the last Monday in *October*, and the Tuesday following the same Monday ; and on each of said Days he shall make a strict Enquiry into the State of the Arms and Ammunition of his Company, on Penalty of *Five Pounds* for each Day he shall be negligent in his Duty : That every Person from the Age of Sixteen to Sixty, not exempted by Law, shall appear with Arms and Ammunition according to Law, and attend his Duty each of the aforesaid Days, on Penalty of *nine Shillings* for not appearing and attending his Duty ; and for not appearing with Arms and Ammunition shall be subject to the same Penalties as by Law already provided for not being furnished with Arms and Ammunition : And that the Captain or chief Officer of each Troop or military Company of Horse shall exercise his Company four Days in each Year ; viz. The second and third Mondays in *April*, the last Monday in *October*, and the Tuesday next following the same Monday ; and on each of said Days shall make strict Inquiry into the State of his Company, how each Man is armed, equipped and provided with Ammunition, on Penalty of *Five Pounds* for each Day such Captain or chief Officer shall be guilty of Neglect in his Duty in this Respect : And every Trooper or Person belonging to the Troop of Guards, or to any Troop or Company of Horse, shall upon each of the same Days appear compleat in Arms and Ammunition, and equipped according to Law, and attend his Duty, on Penalty of *ten Shillings* each Day for not appearing and attending his Duty ; and for not appearing armed, equipped and furnished according to Law, shall be subject to the same Penalties as by Law is already provided for not being duly armed, equipped and furnished as the Law directs : That the Clerk of each military Company on Oath on each training Day, unless unavoidably prevented, shall take a List of the Troop and Company, and against each Man's Name note his Appearance on Non-Appearance, and how he is provided with Arms and Ammunition, and shall in two Days deliver the same to the chief Officer of the Troop or Company on Penalty of *Five Pounds* : That the Captain or chief Officer before he excuses any Person for any Neglect of Duty, shall be under Oath not to excuse any, not excused by Law, either through Favour, Affection, Reward received, or Hope of Reward : That the Captain or Chief Officer shall enter on the said List the Persons Names by him excused, and the Reasons for which they are excused, and in six Days return the same List to the Clerk ; on Penalty of *Five Pounds* : That the Clerk on Oath in thirty Days shall prosecute each Delinquent Non-Commission Officer and Soldier who shall not have been so excused by the Captain or chief Officer, on the Penalty of *twenty Shillings* for each Neglect.

Be it further enacted, That all Offences committed against any Clause of this Act by any Officer or Officers where a Forfeiture is given, shall be enquired into, tryed and determined by the chief Officers of the Regiment, and

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