

BACKGROUNDS OF SELECTIVE SERVICE

Military Obligation:

THE AMERICAN TRADITION

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of the Original Thirteen Colonies in 1607
Through the
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THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

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Better Ordering Militia.

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AN ACT

For the better ordering the Militia.

Title

WHEREAS a Well Ordered and disciplined Militia is Essentially necessary to the Safety Peace and Prosperity of this Province And Whereas the Governor and Commander in Chief for the time being hath full Power and Authority from time to time to Constitute and Appoint and give Commissions to such Persons as He Shall think fit to be Colonels, Majors, Adjutants, Captains and other Commission Officers We Humbly pray your Most Sacred Majesty that it may be Enacted and be it Enacted by His Excellency Sir James Wright Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Georgia by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majestys Honorable Council and the Commons House of Assembly of the said Province in General Assembly met and by the authority of the Same That it shall and may be Lawful to and for the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to assemble and call together all male Persons in this Province from the Age of Sixteen Years to Sixty Years within the Towns Divisions, Parishes and all Places within this Province at such times, and arm and array them in such manner as is hereafter expressed and declared and

Preamble

Enacted

That the Governor may assemble Male persons from 16 to 60 years within the Province and form them into Companies &c and in Case of Insurrections &c. to lead them to Suppress Such.

325. Ga.—General Assembly; Col. Recs. . . . Vol. 19, Pt. I, Candler, 1911; Act, Sept. 29, 1773, pp. 291-332.

and to form them into Companies Troops and Regiments and in case of Insurrection Rebellion or Invasion them to Lead Conduct and Employ or cause to be Lead Conducted and Employed as well within the said Towns Divisions Parishes and Places where such Persons reside as into any other Division Parish or Place within this Province for Suppressing all such Insurrections and Rebellions or Repelling such Invasions as may happen to be.

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Officers take
the Oaths—

PROVIDED ALWAYS AND BE IT ENACTED that every commissioned Officer in the Militia shall within Six months after he Shall have accepted his Commission take the Oaths appointed to be taken in and by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain made in the First year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First Intituled an Act for the further Security of his Majesty's Person and Government and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia being Protestants and for Extinguishing the hopes of the Pretended Prince of Wales and his open and Secret Abettors as Such Oaths are altered in and by another Act of the Parliament of Great Britain Passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty Intituled an Act for altering the Oath of abjuration and the assurance and for amending so much of an Act of the Seventh Year of her late Majesty Queen Ann Intituled An Act for the Improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms

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doms as after the time therein Limited Requires the Delivery of Certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned to Persons Indicted of High Treason or misprison of Treason and also that every such Commissioned Officer in the Militia shall Immediately after taking the Oaths aforesaid make repeat and Subscribe the Declaration against Transubstantiation directed to be taken in and by the Several Acts of Parliament in that case made and Provided.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that in every Division there shall be formed one or more regiment or regiments and within every Parish in the respective Divisions one or more Company or Companies which Said Regiments and Companies shall consist of Such Number of Men as the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being Shall think Proper.

That in every Division Regiments and in every parish Companies be formed

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that it shall and may be Lawful to and for the Colonel or in his absence the next field Officer of every Regiment already formed or hereafter to be formed on any days and times when any three or more of the Companies shall assemble to be trained Mustered or Exercised within Ten Miles of each other to cause Such Companies to Assemble together at some Convenient Place within the Division or Parish of such Regiment to which Such Companies Shall respectively belong and to train and exercise such Companies

That it shall be Lawful for the Field Officers on any day when any 3 companies assemble within 10 miles of each other to Train such Companies in Battalions &c.

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Excepting the Inhabitants of the Sea Islands who are to appear only at General Musters, and at Ordinary Musters twice a year.

in Battalions in such Manner and form as such Colonel or other Field Officer shall think fit excepting all Such Companies that may hereafter be formed upon any Islands upon the Sea Coast And in the meantime the Inhabitants of the said Islands shall not be Obligated by this Act to appear but at the General Musters and at Ordinary Musters not exceeding twice a year.

That Inferior Officers neglecting to attend the place of Rendezvous &c. shall forfeit £5.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that every Captain or other Inferior Commissioned Officer of any Company who Shall refuse or neglect to conduct and Lead his Company or to attend the Same to the place of rendezvous of any General Muster hereby appointed or to the Exercising of the Company in Battalions according to the Directions of this Act every Such Captain and other Inferior Commissioned Officer of any Such Companies So refusing or neglecting shall for every Such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five pounds and the said Offences shall be heard tried and determined and the said Fines Levied in the same way and manner as other Offences of Captains and Commanding Officers of Companies by this Act are directed to be tried heard determined and Levied.

That Field Officers appoint General Musters once a year, and Commanding Officers of Companies Exercise them Six times a year—

AND BE IT ENACTED that it Shall be Lawful for every Colonel or in his absence the next Commanding Field Officer to Appoint one General Muster of their respective regiments once in every year, and also for every Captain or other

Commanding

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Commanding Officer of the Several Companies to Assemble Muster Train and Exercise their respective Companies or any of them for Ordinary Musters not exceeding Six times in one Year giving notice of such Muster by beat of Drum or in such other Expeditionous Manner as such Colonel Captain or other Commanding Officer shall think fit Provided that no Person or Persons whatsoever shall be Compelled or Obligated at any General Muster to go out of the Division where such person resides nor at Ordinary Musters to go out of the Parish or above Twelve Miles from where Dwells nor to remain at the place of Ordinary or General Muster above one day except in time of Actual rebellion Insurrection or Invasion or in other cases herein after particularly mentioned— Provided Also that this Act or any thing herein Contained shall be deemed Construed or taken to extend to the giving or declaring any Person for transporting or sending or any ways Compelling any of his Majesty's Subjects in this Province to March out of the Same.

Provided that no person remain above one day Except in time of Insurrections &c

Proviso also that no person shall be compelled to March out of the Province.

AND BE IT ENACTED that the Captains of the Several Companies in each Division or Parish Shall respectively Enter Enlist and Enroll the names of all the Male Inhabitants from the Age of Sixteen to Sixty years within the Several and respective Parishes and Divisions and Shall cause the Several Persons so Enlisted to be duly Summoned to appear at the times and

That Captains Inlist the Male Inhabitants within their Division and Cause them to appear at Musters.

Places

Places appointed for Ordinary Musters in each respective Parish and Division and the Publishing the Muster days aforesaid Shall be deemed a Sufficient Summons within the Intent of this Act to Oblige the Persons liable to appear At Such Musters and the Persons whose Names shall be so Entered Enlisted and Enrolled shall be deemed and held to be Enlisted in and to belong to the Company of that parish or Division in which they shall be so Enlisted and Enrolled and Shall be obliged to appear at Musters and on all other occasions and to be Subject to the directions of this Act without any further notice whatever.

Persons
liable to ap-
pear, are to
Carry a Gun
&c.

AND BE IT ENACTED That every Person liable to appear and bear arms at any Exercise Muster or Training hereby appointed Pursuant to the directions of this Act Shall constantly keep and bring with them to Such Muster Exercise or Training one Gun or Musket fit for Service one Catridge Box with at least Nine Catridges filled with Good Gun Powder and Ball that shall fit his Piece a horn or Flask containing at least a Quarter of a Pound of Gun Powder a shot Pouch with half a pound of Bulletts one Girdle or Belt one Worm and Pricker four Spare Flints a Ball of Bees Wax and a Cork that Shall fit his Piece a Bayonet Sword or Hatchet of the fitness and Sufficiency of which Arms Amunition and Accoutrements every Commanding Officer of the Company to which Such Person belongs is hereby declared to be Judge.

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AND BE IT ENACTED that in case any Person liable to appear and bear arms at Musters shall neglect or refuse to appear compleatly armed and furnished as aforesaid at any General Muster of the Regiment to which the Company in which he is Enlisted and Enrolled shall belong every Such Person shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings and in case any Such Person shall neglect or Refuse to appear in manner aforesaid at any ordinary Muster such Person shall forfeit and pay a Sum not Exceeding Ten Shillings which Said Several penalties shall be Recovered and disposed of as is herein after directed.

Persons neglecting to appear to forfeit for a General Muster twenty shillings for an Ordinary one 10/ —

AND BE IT ENACTED that it Shall and may be Lawful for the Commission Officers of any of the Companies or Troops Six times in the year and not oftner to take to their assistance if they think fit the Serjeants of such Companies and at any convenient time of the day to Repair to the places of Residence of any Person or Persons as well those Persons obliged to appear on alarms as other Persons liable to bear arms and Entered and Enlisted in any Such Company and to Demand a Sight of their arms amunition and accoutrements aforesaid and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or Refuse to Produce any Such arms amunition and accoutrements or to Suffer the same to be received and Inspected or if when Produced the said Officers shall find the same defective it shall and may

That the Officers 6 times in the year may repair to the place of residence of persons obliged to bear arms and view the same—

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be Lawful to and for the said Officers to fine every Person offending herein in any Sum not Exceeding five Shillings and to proceed against him or them for levying the same in all respects after the same manner as is directed for Proceeding against Persons who do not appear at ordinary Musters And Whereas it may be convenient and necessary on some Particular and Special Occasions to assemble the said Companies at other times than are usually fixed for Ordinary Musters Be it therefore Enacted that whenever any of the said Companies shall be assembled or Mustered on any Particular and Special Occasions the same Shall be esteemed and Accounted as one of the Six Times on which the said Companies are obliged to Muster in one Year Provided always that the General Muster of any of the said Companies according to the directions of this Act shall not be esteemed or accounted as of the Six times on which the said Companies are obliged to Muster in one year and that no Company or Companies be assembled on such Special and Particular Occasions without the order command and direction of the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being Provided Also that this Clause shall not be construed to hinder the assembling of any of the said Companies or parts thereof for suppressing Insurrections Pirates Sea Rovers and fugitive Slaves.

AND WHEREAS it may very much contribute to
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the Safety of this Province to have a Troop or Troops of Horse in readiness on Particular and Extraordinary occasions Be it Enacted that the Governor and Commander in Chief for the time being may from amongst the Inhabitants who will voluntarily Enlist form a Troop or Troops of Horse not Exceeding in the whole Two Hundred Men and the Commissioned Officers appointed to command such Troop or Troops shall Muster Train and Exercise them not less than Four Times in one year at Savannah or such other place as the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being shall direct and appoint.

That the Governor may form Troops of Horse—

AND BE IT ENACTED that every person who shall Enlist in the said Troop or Troops so to be formed shall provide himself with a good and able Horse and with such Cloaths Arms Amunition and furniture as the Majority of the Officers shall agree upon and every Person or Persons so Enlisted in the said Troop or Troops shall be excused and Exempted from any Service in any other Regiment Troop or Company Patrol duty excepted Provided no Person Shall be admitted to Enlist in the said Troop or Troops unless he shall be first approved by the Colonel or other Commanding Officer thereof and every Person So Enlisted shall obtain a certificate from the Colonel or Commanding Officer which certificate the person so Enlisted Shall produce to the Captain or commanding Officer

The Method of forming such Troops.

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of the Company of such Division or Parish where the Person so Enlisted shall live and reside and untill the Person so Enlisted shall produce to the Captain or Commanding Officer such Certificate he shall be liable to the Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by this Act for not keeping Arms are not appearing at the Musters Trainings and Exercise directed by this Act and the persons so Enlisted shall not be discharged from the same without giving Three Months Notice in Writing to the Colonel or other commanding Officer aforesaid of his Intent to be discharged and shall produce a Certificate at the end of the said Three months to such Colonel or Commanding Officer that he is Enlisted in the Foot Company of the Division or Parish where he resides and upon such notice given and Certificate produced he shall be discharged from the said Troop to which he belongs and not otherwise.

That in
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Insurrection
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AND BE IT ENACTED That in time of any Actual Rebellion Insurrection or Invasion the said Troop or Troops shall attend the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being in any part of this Province where the said Governor or Commander in Chief for The time being may be in Person, and in such times of Rebellion Insurrection or Invasion shall march or go to any place in this Province where the said Governor or Commander in chief for the time being shall Judge their Service necessary and shall on all other Publick occasions attend the said

Governor

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Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being upon notice Given in the Publick News Papers or being Personally Summoned by any Person appointed for that purpose by the Colonel or other commanding Officer and if any Person Enlisted in the said Troop or either of them shall neglect or Refuse to appear at the days and times so appointed upon able Horses and with such Cloaths Arms Amunition and Accoutrements as the Majority of the Officers shall have agreed upon or after appearing shall Refuse to March when and where Ordered within this Province such Person shall forfeit a sum not Exceeding Ten Pounds and if any Person so Enlisted Shall neglect or Refuse to appear at the days and Times appointed for Musters armed and accoutred as aforesaid every such Person shall forfeit a Sum not Exceeding Twenty Shillings to be Recovered and applied as herein after is directed.

Penalty on
Refusing.

AND BE IT ENACTED that every able Male Person (Slaves excepted) from the Age of Sixteen years to Sixty years who has once resided and shall be within this Province for the space of three months is hereby declared to be liable to bear arms in the Regiment Troop or Company in this Province or some or one of them according to the Directions of this Act except the several persons herein after particularly mentioned who shall be excused or exempted from appearing at General and Ordinary Musters at such

Male Persons residing three Months in the province liable to bear arms.

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Persons
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times and in such manner as is herein after mentioned and provided That is to say all such Persons who are members of his Majestys Council and their Officers the Members of the Assembly and their Officers the Chief Justice and Justices of the General Court (not being Officers of any Regiment Troop or Company) the Attorney General the Secretary of the Province the Receiver General and Auditor the Attornies Officers of the General Court the Clerk of the Crown and Peace the Provost Marshal the Master and Register of the high Court of Chancery the Judge of the Vice Admiralty the officers of his Majesty's Customes the Surveyor General of his Majesty's Lands the Clergy and such Students of Divinity at Bethesda whose names shall be delivered to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being the Catechists, the Publick Treasurer the Powder Receiver Comptrollers Waiters and Commissary and his Majesty's Justices of the Peace who shall Quallify themselves and Act as such Practitioners in Physic and Surgery and Apothecaries who shall practice as such also Pilots and Ferry men Goalers of common Goals and Wardens of Work Houses and no other Provided that all the Persons aforesaid (the members of his Majestys Honourable Council the Assembly and their Officers The Chief Justice The Clerk of Crown and Peace Goalers of Common Goals and Wardens of Work Houses not being Officers in any Troop or Company Pilots and Ferry men

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only excepted) shall in time of Rebellion Insurrection or Actual Invasion attend under the proper Colours of the Company in the Division or Parish in which such persons shall actually live and reside compleatly armed Furnished as in and by this Act directed for Private men in the Companies of Foot or shall attend the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being with Horse and Arms in the same manner as the Troop or Troops are herein before directed on pain of Forfeiting a Sum not Exceeding Ten Pounds.

AND BE IT ENACTED that every Master or other Person who hath the power over Government or Command of any Indented Man Servant who shall be Employed within this Province shall at his and their own proper costs and charges furnish and provide every such Indented Servant during his Servitude with the arms Amunition and Furniture directed by this Act and every Master and other Person Shall constantly keep such arms amunition and Furniture for every such Indented Servant and shall send him or them so compleatly armed and Furnished to all Musters Trainings and Exercises directed by this Act and in case such Indented Servant shall not appear or his arms Amunition and Furniture be found defective the Master or other person having the Government of such Indented Servant shall on Default made in any of the premises be subject to the same

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Penalties inflicted on other Persons liable to appear by this Act Provided that if any such Servant duly Furnished and Provided as is herein before directed and sent to muster by the Master or other Person under whose Government such Servant shall be, shall of his own accord neglect or Refuse to appear at any Training Muster or Exercise appointed by this Act the Master or other Person under whose Government such Servant may be shall be liable to the Penalties by this Act Inflicted for the Default of such Servant and every such Servant so offending shall be obliged to serve the said Master two weeks for every Penalty so paid by his Master or other Person as aforesaid.

Servants
freed from
Servitude
allowed Six
Months to
provide
Arms.

AND BE IT ENACTED that every Servant who shall be freed and discharged from his Servitude shall be allowed Six months after such discharge to provide himself with the Arms Ammunition and Furniture by this Act directed and Required and untill the said Term is expired he is hereby freed and Exempted from the Penalties Inflicted by this Act.

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AND BE IT ENACTED that no civil Officer shall on any Pretence execute any Process (unless for Treason Felony or Breach of the Peace) on any person at any Muster or other Time when such Person shall be obliged to bear arms in pursuance of the directions of this Act nor in going to staying at or Returning from any Muster

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ter or Place of Rendezvous or within Twenty four Hours after such person shall be discharged from appearing in the Company Regiment or Troop to which he shall belong under the penalty of Forty Shillings and the Service of any Process on any such Persons is hereby declared void to all Intents and purposes and all arms Amunition and Furniture which are Required by this Act to be provided shall not be liable to be Seized distrained or taken in Execution for any Act Cause matter or Thing and in case any Person shall Seize Levy or distrain upon any such arms amunition and furniture contrary to this Act every such Person Shall Forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings to be Sued for and Recovered as is herein after directed.

AND BE IT ENACTED that in case any Person obliged to bear arms whilst the Regiment Troop or Company to which he shall belong shall be under arms or in array shall neglect or refuse to fire his Gun not exceeding Six times each Muster day or Willingly neglect or Refuse to do his duty or to obey the Lawful commands of his Officer or if any Such Militia Man be drunk at the time of this Exercising the Majority of the Officers of the Troop or Company to which such person shall belong if the offence be committed in a single Troop or Company or any Two Field Officers of the Regiment to which such Person shall belong if the offence be committed

Duty of the
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Arms—

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And how
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mitted in a Regiment shall have full Power and authority to inflict on the Person so offending any Pecuniary Fine not exceeding Twenty Shillings and in case any Person shall be disobedient or Raise any Mutiny or Sedition in such Regiment Troop or Company Under arms or in Array such Person shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Forty Shillings and the said officers Respectively over and above such Pecuniary Fine may Imprison or confine the offender untill such time as the Regiment Troop or Company to which the offender shall belong shall be discharged from bearing arms on the occasion for which they are assembled.

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AND BE IT ENACTED that in case any person obliged to bear arms shall remove from one parish Division or place to any other it shall and may be lawful for the Captain or commanding officer of the Company to which such person last belonged to Levy the Penalties inflicted by this Act for not appearing at Muster or for not having or being provided with sufficient arms Amunition and Furniture in the same manner as if such person had not removed from the Parish Division or place to which he belonged untill such time as the person so removing shall produce a certificate from the colonel or commanding Officer of the Troop or from the Captain or commanding Officer of the Company of the Division or Parish into which such person shall remove that such person is Entered En-

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listed and Enrolled in the company of such Captain or commanding Officer of the Division or Parish into which such Person is removed.

AND WHEREAS to Repell the Invasion of any Publick Enemy and to Suppress any dangerous Insurrection or Rebellion it may be absolutely necessary to assemble and Raise part of the Militia Be it Enacted That if the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being shall receive advice from any credible Person or Persons in his Majestys Dominions or Foreign parts or otherwise that any foreign Enemy or armed force suddenly Intend to Invade this Province or if any dangerous Insurrection or Rebellion be actually raised in this province which cannot be suppressed by one single company It shall and be Lawful for the said Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being by and with the advice and consent of the Majority then Present of his Majesty's Council to raise and assemble such and so many of the Regiments Troops or Companies as the said Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being by and with the advice aforesaid shall think sufficient to suppress and repell such Invasion Rebellion or Insurrection as may happen and for the more Effectual Execution thereof it shall and be Lawful for the said Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being by and with the advice and Consent aforesaid to make and Publish or cause to be made and Published

In case of
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an alarm throughout the province by firing Six Guns two at a time at three Minutes distance, or by Sending Orders and Expresses to the Field Officers or other Officers of the Militia to raise their several and respective regiments Troops and Companies or such part thereof as shall be ordered and directed to March and Rendesvous at such proper times and Places within this province as the said Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being shall think fit And the said Alarm shall be carried on throughout the province by all the Commissioned Officers of the Militia by firing Three Small at Convenient Intervals from place to place and by speedily raising their several Companies and taking all proper and Effectual means to give Notice of the Motion of the Enemy and forwarding with the utmost Expedition all necessary Information to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being and by putting in Execution all such Orders as they shall receive from the Superior Officers.

How an
Alarm is
made—

AND BE IT ENACTED that an Alarm shall be made by any Commissioned Militia Officer by firing three small arms on sight of any Enemy or on Information of any Enemy appearing or mischief done by any Enemy from any person of Credit who hath seen the same of the credibility of which the said Officer shall be Judge and every alarm shall be carried on by all persons hearing or having Knowledge of the same

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by firing three small arms distinctly and the said Officer who fired the Alarm shall raise the Company of which he is an Officer by beat of Drum or by Ordering men to warn their Neighbours till the company can be got together And also the Commanding Officer of the said Company shall with all Convenient speed dispatch two Expresses one to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being and the other to the next Field Officer of the Regiment to which the said Company belongs with an Account of the cause of the Alarm so made upon which Notice the said Field Officer shall have power to raise any Number of Men of the regiment he belongs to and to March to the Assistance of any of the Inhabitants who are in danger.

AND BE IT ENACTED that if any person by this Act liable to bear Arms shall in time of such Alarm neglect or refuse to use his utmost Means and Endeavours to Convey and Communicate the said Alarm or Notice of the Enemys approach every such person shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five pounds, and in case any such Person after he hath Notice of an Alarm shall not forthwith repair completely Armed and Accoutered as aforesaid with all Convenient speed to the place where the regiment Troop or Company to which he shall belong shall be appointed to rendezvous every such person shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten pounds and in Case the Company or Troop

Penalties on persons neglecting to communicate the Alarm—

And on persons not appearing when an alarm is made—

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to which such person shall belong shall be Engaged with the Enemy before such person shall appear in the said Regiment Troop or Company in every such case the person not Appearing as aforesaid shall forfeit a sum not Exceeding Twenty Pounds.

As Several parts of the province may be exposed to pirates Indians &c.

The Duty of Commissioned Officers and Men in that respect—

AND WHEREAS several parts of the province are exposed to depredations from Pirates and Sea Rovers and are in danger of Incursions from Indians and are frequently infested with Fugitive Slaves whose Sudden attempts may prove fatal to many of his Majesty's Subjects before notice can be given to his Majesty's Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being therefore for the more Effectual preventing repelling and suppressing the same BE IT ENACTED that it shall and may be lawful for every commission Officer in the Militia when occasion requires to assemble any number of men belonging to their respective Companies and if need be to give notice and call to their aid the Officers and men of any adjacent companies to distress disperse and kill destroy apprehend take or subdue, any Pirate Sea Rover Indian or other Enemy who shall in a hostile manner Invade or attempt to Invade this Province or hurt any of his Majesty's Subjects and also to Suppress and apprehend any Company of Slaves met together or lurking in any suspected places where they may do mischief or shall have absented themselves from

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the service of their owners and in case any Person liable to bear arms shall neglect or refuse to appear upon Notice given by any commissioned Officer of the Troop or Company to which such person shall belong or appearing shall not obey the said Officer or not being completely armed and Furnished every such Person for every such neglect or Refusal shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

AND BE IT ENACTED that in time of Invasion or Insurrection and when it shall be found necessary to march the several regiments Troops or Companies or any of them out of their proper Divisions or parishes one fourth part at least of every Company shall stay and remain in their respective Parishes and be formed into Patrols under the command of such Officers as the commissioned Officers of the company shall direct and appoint untill the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being shall commission and appoint a Commander or Officer for each of such Patrols under whose Command respectively they shall Continue untill the rest of the Company shall return and be discharged from bearing arms And the Patrol so formed shall be Obligated to be on Constant Duty ride Patrol Guard the Plantations keep Guards Watches and Centinels at proper and Convenient places to give Notice of Danger or for the more speedy Conveying Intelligence to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time be-

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ing or any Army which shall be raised and Assembled by his Command and in case any Person or Persons staying or remaining as aforesaid in any of the parishes to which he or they shall belong shall neglect or refuse to ride Patrol Watch Stand Centinel keep Guard or do other duty hereby enjoined or required or shall refuse to obey the Lawful Commands of any person appointed to Command such Patrol every person so Offending shall forfeit a sum not Exceeding Ten pounds.

The Method
of Drawing
the Names
of such
persons
who are to
March.

AND BE IT ENACTED that in all times of Invasion Rebellion or Insurrection when any Company shall receive Orders to march out of It's Division or parish the Captain or other Commanding Officer present shall cause the names of all the persons who are Entered Enlisted and Enrolled in the Muster Roll of such company (Officers Excepted) to be wrote down on small Scrols' of paper which shall be rolled or folded up and put into a Hatt and Shaken together and the Clerk or Serjeants of the said Company shall draw out of the Hatt the names of so many Persons as will not exceed three-fourth parts of the said Company and the persons whose names shall be so drawn shall be obliged to march according to such Orders as shall be given by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being and according to the directions of this Act And the rest whose names shall be left in the Hatt shall stay in
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their respective divisions and Parishes and Shall do the duty of the patrol hereby directed to be formed and that no Officer of any Company shall be excused from Marching with the company for which he is appointed unless by particular Orders from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being in which case such Officer staying shall be Commanding Officer of that part of the Company left in It's district And that if any person whose name shall be drawn as aforesaid and who shall be thereby Obligated to march out of his Division or parish can provide an Able man to be approved of by the Majority of the Officers of the Company to which such person belongs Compleatly armed Accoutered and furnished every such person shall be permitted and at Liberty to do So and upon producing and sending out such able Man in his Stead shall be excused from going out or Marching in Person but shall be Obligated to perform Patrol Duty and be Subject to all the penalties and forfeitures inflicted by this Act on such as shall be Guilty of Disobedience or shall neglect or refuse to ride such Patrol.

AND BE IT ENACTED that in time of Alarm made upon any Insurrection Rebellion or Invasion all Field Officers and Captains be and they are hereby empowered by themselves or their Warrant to any Inferior Officer or private man to Impress any provisions Horses

In time of alarm the Officers &c. may impress provisions &c.

Boats

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how much
shall be
appraised.

And how
paid for—

Boats Canoes Pettiauguas and Vessells with their Furniture or whatever other things they shall have need of for the service of this Province Provided Always that the same be first appraised by three or more indifferent Freeholders supposed to have Judgment in the respective things so Impressed, and the said Officer shall give a receipt for the same to the owner thereof if he Conveniently can and cause the Clerk or Clerks to enter the same in a Book to be kept for that purpose and the said Appraisers shall appraise and ascertain any Loss or Damage that shall befall the said Effects so Impressed or allow a Competent hire for the same when returned to the said Owners as the case shall require and the same shall be given under the Hands of the Appraisers to the Owner or Owners thereof directed to the Public Treasurer who shall pay the same out of any Funds in his Hands unappropriated upon an Order of the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being by and with the advice and Consent of his Majesty's Honorable Council the same to be afterwards replaced in such manner as the General Assembly shall think proper And Also that the Commanding Officer of such Company after such Alarm shall be over and before his Company shall be discharged shall order so many Men as he shall think fit to carry such Horses Canoes Boats Pettiauguas and Vessels or what other things they shall have Impressed to the respective owners from whom they were taken

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taken the owners giving their receipts upon redelivery of the same and the said Commanding Officer is hereby empowered to draw an Order or Orders on the said Treasurer payable to the Persons aforesaid for so much Money as he shall think the said Persons for carrying home any of the Things herein before mentioned deserve to be paid as aforesaid.

AND BE IT ENACTED that in case of actual Invasion or upon imminent danger thereof or in case of Rebellion as aforesaid it shall and may be Lawful for any Justice of the peace being thereunto required by an Order from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being or he not being present from the Colonel or other Chief Commissioned Officer of any regiment Company or Detachment of Militia to Issue a Warrant to the Constables of the respective Divisions or Districts from near or to which any regiment or Company of Militia or any Detachment or Troop thereof, shall be Ordered to March requiring such Constables to make such provision for Carriages of Provisions Arms Ammunition Cloaths and Accoutrements or other Warlike Materials with able Men to drive such carriages as may be mentioned in the said Order and such Colonel or Commanding Officer that shall demand such carriages of such Constable is hereby required at the same time to give to the Owner or Owners of such carriage a Certificate of the same

Justices of the peace to Issue Warrants to Constables to make provision for Carriages provisions arms &c and men to drive such

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they are to
be appraised
and paid
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being taken into the Publick Service and the number of days they do Continue therein shall be certified by the Officer returning the same and the Owners thereof shall be entituled unto and receive from the Publick at the rate of Three Shillings each day for every Waggon and Tackling or Harness for four Horses and for every Cart and Tackling or Harness for four Horses Two Shillings for every Horse one shilling and for every Yoke of Oxen one shilling and Six pence and for every able Bodied Man employed to drive such Carriages Two Shillings and all Carriages Horses and Oxen so provided shall when taken into Service be appraised and valued in the manner herein before directed and if any Loss or Damage shall happen the same shall be ascertained in the same method as is herein before directed for Impressed Boats Canoes and Pettiaguas and other vessels and the necessary Provisions for every Horse and Ox so impressed shall be provided at the expence of the Publick.

The Duty of
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Officer with
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&c.

AND BE IT ENACTED that the Commanding Officer of each company shall lodge in some convenient and Secure place for the Publick use all the provisions and Amunition impressed by him or them or by virtue of his or their Warrant and that shall remain unexpended after an alarm and that he shall take a particular account thereof and transmit the same to the Publick Commissary within fourteen days after
such

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such alarm is over and the said Commissary is hereby required to lay such Accounts before the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being who is hereby authorised and empowered by and with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Council to Order such remaining stores to be sold and the monies arising therefrom to be paid into the Treasury to be disposed of as the General Assembly shall direct.

AND BE IT ENACTED that if any Officer of Militia or other person shall knowingly or wilfully in Time of rebellion Insurrection or Invasion offend against this Act for which no particular penalty is herein inflicted every person so offending shall forfeit and pay the several penalties and forfeitures following that is to say if the person so offending be a commissioned Officer of the Militia above the Degree of a Captain the several persons hereby empowered to hear and determine offences committed against this Act shall and may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to inflict on such person a pecuniary Fine not exceeding the Sum of Fifty pounds and in case the person offending shall be a Captain or any Inferior Commissioned Officer under the degree of a Captain in the Militia a sum not Exceeding Thirty pounds. And if any non Commissioned Officer of the respective Troops or Companies or any Private person that is obliged to bear Arms shall offend

Officers or others offending against this Act for which no penalty is inflicted shall forfeit.

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as aforesaid a Sum not exceeding Ten pounds but if the person so offending shall be an Indented Servant and shall have no goods to be Levied on or shall neglect or refuse to pay the fine which shall be inflicted as aforesaid for the space of Ten days he shall receive Corporal Punishment not exceeding Forty lashes with a Whip or Switch on the bare back.

The Cap-
tains to
appoint
Serjeants.

AND BE IT ENACTED that the Captain of each Company shall have power to appoint any two Persons belonging to their respective Companies who are obliged to appear at Common Musters to be Serjeants of the said Companies who shall be Obligated to Act and continue as such for the Term of one year And if any person after he shall be appointed shall neglect or refuse to perform his duty as Sergeant the Person Offending in either case shall for every Offence forfeit the sum of Forty Shillings to be recovered as other fines in this Act are directed Provided Always that no person shall be subject to serve in the said Office more than once in Seven years.

How
Offences
against this
Act shall be
heard &
Determined.

AND BE IT ENACTED That all offences against this shall be heard and determined in manner following That is to Say all Offences Committed by any Field Officer shall be heard and determined by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being and the Majority of his Majesty's Honorable Council then residing in the Province and in case the said Governor or
Commander

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Commander in Chief shall refuse to sit at such hearing then by the Majority of his Majesty's Honorable Council residing in the province to be summoned by Warrant from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being And all Offences committed by any Captain or inferior Commissioned Officer shall be heard and determined by Warrant from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being directed to Two Field Officers who shall Convene at Least five other Commissioned Officers to be joined with them for that purpose and all Offences Committed by any non Commissioned Officer or Private person shall be heard and determined by the Commissioned Officers of the Troop or Company to which such person shall belong at any such time or times place or places as the said Officers shall think fit to Assemble and meet Together and the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being Council or Officers shall proceed against such Offender or Offenders so summoned in the most expeditious and Summary way without observing formalities of Law only examining into the Truth of the case by Witnesses upon Oath which Oath the Senior Member of the Council or the Commanding Officer present as the case may be are hereby respectively authorized to administer and such other Evidence as can be Spedely had and upon Conviction of any Offender the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being his Majesty's Council or Officers respectively

tively as the case may be are fully authorised and empowered to levy the penalties inflicted by Warrant of distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods returning the overplus if any there be.

**The Method
of summon-
ing De-
faulters.**

AND WHEREAS it may be found difficult personally to summon Defaulters Be it therefore Enacted that the Serjeants of the Several Companies shall give ten days Notice at least to all such Defaulters by advertising in Writing in the most Publick places within the Division of the Company to which such Defaulter shall belong the same shall be deemed to all intents and purposes equal to personal service which advertisement shall be to the following Effect viz: you are hereby Summoned to be and appear before the Commissioned Officers of the Company in which you are Enrolled commanded by on next at the House of to shew cause if any you have why you should not be fined of this fail not at your peril dated at the day of A. B. Serjeant and for Want of such distress then the person presiding at either Board as the case may be shall by Warrant under his Hand and Seal Committ the party Offending to the nearest Common Goal which Warrant shall be in the form herein after directed.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that every Warrant Issued for the levying of any fine or where
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no distress can be made, for the Imprisonment of any delinquent under this Act by any Person Presiding at any such Council Board or by any Commissioned Officer or Officers as the case may be and which they are hereby respectively Impowered to Issue shall be in the form and to the Effect following—Whereas

The War-
rant of
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a Person enlisted and liable to bear arms in the said Company is by

duly adjudged and he the said has

forfeited for the Offence aforesaid the sum of

which Sum the said

has neglected to pay by the space of Ten days next after the adjudication These are therefore in his Majestys name to charge and Command you and each of you forthwith to Levy and cause to be made of the Goods and Chattels of the said the sum of

and the same Goods and Chattels you shall expose to Sale and sell at Publick Outcry first giving Ten days notice of such sale and out of the Monies therefrom arising you are first to deduct and keep the said sum of

and all reasonable Charges and Expences and the overplus if any there be you shall return or tender to the said and if no

Goods or Chattels can be found whereon to Levy the said sum of then and in

such case you are hereby Commanded to take the Body of the said and

him Safely convey to the nearest Goal and deliver him to the keeper thereof Commanding

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you the said keeper to receive the Body of the said _____ and detain him in your Custody untill he shall pay and discharge the Fine aforesaid together with all Costs and Charges attending the execution hereof and the Charges of detaining in Custody or untill he shall otherwise be Legally discharged hereof fail not and this shall be your Sufficient Warrant and in case the person against whom such Warrant shall be Granted shall be refractory and refuse to give obedience thereunto the Constables or Serjeants aforesaid or other person or persons to whom such Warrant shall be directed are hereby required and empowered to apprehend and Convey such Offender to the nearest common Goal and the Expences attending the Execution of the said Warrant shall be ascertained by any two Justices of the peace agreeable to the Act entitled An Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small Debts and Damages and the said Justices are hereby required to do the same without Fee or reward and in case the same be not discharged within ten days then the offender to be Committed to Goal for a Term not exceeding Fourteen days.

**Marshals or
Serjeants
refusing to
Act to for-
feit forty
shillings.**

AND BE IT ENACTED that in case any person who shall be nominated and appointed Marshal or Serjeant of a Company after Notice of such Nomination or Appointment shall refuse or neglect to execute any Warrant or precept Issued in pursuance of the direction of this Act

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and to him or them directed for the space of twenty days after the receipt thereof the said Marshal or Serjeant shall respectively forfeit for each Offence the sum of Forty Shillings.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that if any such Constable or other Officer appointed shall wilfully neglect or refuse to execute any such Warrant of any Justice of the peace every such Offender shall forfeit a sum not exceeding Twenty pounds Sterling and every such Offence may be heard and determined by any Two Justices of the peace within the parish where such Offence shall be Committed which Justices shall by Warrant under their hands and Seals cause the said Penalty to be Levied by distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels rendering the Overplus if any on demand after deducting the Charges of such distress and sale to such Offender upon whom such distress shall have been made as aforesaid.

Constables or other officers refusing to Execute a Warrant to forfeit £20

how Levied

AND BE IT ENACTED that in case any Male Person who has been in this Province for the space of three months shall Settle himself and reside in any part of this province where the bounds or division of the Parish are not certainly known and ascertained every such Person shall be Enlisted and Enrolled in the Company of that parish or division which is nearest to the residence or habitation of such person and such person shall be deemed and adjudged

Persons Settling where the division is not ascertained shall enlist in the Company of the Parish nearest his residence.

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as belonging to such nearest Company to all Intents and purposes whatsoever.

Masters &c. of Slaves to return a list of his faithful Male Slaves to the Captain of the Company in whose Beat they are.

AND WHEREAS it has been found by Experience that several Negroes and other Slaves have in time of War behaved themselves with great faithfulness and Courage in repelling the Attacks of his Majesty's Enemies in their descents on other Provinces and have thereby demonstrated that trust and Confidence may in some instances be reposed in them And Whereas it is necessary that the Male Slaves in this Province should be rendered as serviceable as possible in time of War or Invasion of a foreign Enemy for the better Effecting whereof Be it further Enacted that every Master Mistress owner Manager Attorney or Trustee of or for any Slaves in this Province shall within Six Months next after the passing of this Act return to the Commanding Officer of the respective Companies of Militia in whose beat or precinct such slaves do live and reside or are Commonly used or Employed a true and faithful list in Writing of all the Male Slaves of such persons who are under their care and Management from the Age of Sixteen to Sixty years as they can Recommend as Capable and faithful Slaves.

The Governor may give Directions to the Captains to Enlist such Slaves—

AND BE IT ENACTED that the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being be and is hereby authorized and empowered to direct and order the several Captains of the Companies

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ies of Militia from time to time to Enlist in their respective Companies such and so many of the said Male Slaves so to be returned to them as aforesaid which shall be recommended to such Captain by the respective Owners or Managers of such Slaves to be most faithful and fit for service as the said Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council in their discretion think necessary for the service and defence of this province Provided Always that the said Number of Slaves so to be Enlisted in the several Companies do not exceed one third part of the White Men in each respective Company.

Not to exceed one Third of the White Men.

AND BE IT ENACTED that the said Slaves so to be Enlisted shall be incorporated into the respective Companies into which they are enlisted and shall be taken as part thereof and shall in time of General Alarm and Actual Invasion of this Province and not otherwise be armed by the respective Owners or Managers of such Slaves with one Sufficient Gun One Hatchet powder Horn and shot pouch With Ammunition of Powder and Bullets for twelve rounds and Six Spare Flints and shall be sent by their respective owners and Managers to the place of rendezvous of the respective Companies in which they are Enlisted and which Said Slaves shall be then and there Commanded and directed by the Commanding Officer of the

How such shall be incorporated and Arm'd.

Company

Company during all such times as the said Company shall be upon Actual Duty or continue under Arms and in stead of a pecuniary fineing such Slaves for breach or neglect of Duty shall be subject to such Corporal punishment for their Offences during such time as the Majority of the Commissioned Officers of their respective Companies shall think fit to inflict not extending to Loss of Life or Member.

The owners
of Such
Slaves to be
paid at
certain rates
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returned.

if Killed

if Maimed

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AND BE IT ENACTED that the several Owners of the said Slaves so to be Enlisted shall be paid by the Treasurer for the time such Slaves shall be in the Publick Service after the rate of one Shilling each day for such Slave and in case it shall so happen that any Slave so enlisted shall be killed in the service of this Province the owner of such Slave shall be paid the value of such Slave by the Treasurer and in case any Slave in the service aforesaid shall be only Maimed and disabled the Owner shall likewise be paid as aforesaid the Value of his Loss sustained thereby and the same shall be ascertained by any three freeholders one to be named by the Commanding Officer of the Company in which such Slave is Enlisted One to be named by the Owner or Manager of such Slave and one by the Joint Nomination of the Two first Freeholders and the Value thereof Certified under their Hands shall be determinate and Conclusive between the Publick and the respective Owners.

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AND BE IT ENACTED that every Freeman or White Servant who shall boldly and Cheerfully oppose the Common Enemy and shall in fight happen to be maimed or disabled from Labour every such freeman and white servant upon Obtaining a Certificate thereof from the Majority of the Field Officers of the regiment or Troop to which such person belongs under their hands and Seals shall be from thenceforth entitled unto and shall yearly and every year receive from the Treasurer the sum of Twelve pounds but if such Freeman so maimed shall be a Married Man then he shall be Entitled unto and receive of the Treasurer during his residence in this province the sum of Twenty pounds yearly and if it shall so happen that any poor free man that is a married Man or hath any child or Children under the Age of Twelve years shall loose his Life in the Service aforesaid that then the Widow of such poor Freeman shall thenceforth during her Widowhood and residence in this province or Children of such poor freeman where there is no Widow under the Age aforesaid untill they attain the said age shall be entitled unto and receive of the Treasurer the sum of Twelve pounds yearly and the said Field Officers and any two Captains in the regiment to which such person belongs associating themselves together and certifying the same under their hands are hereby declared to be proper Judges of the poverty or Indigence of every person so maimed disabled

White
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Cheerfully
opposing
the Enemy
if Maimed.

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poor White-
men &
Widows
Children &
Negroes

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disabled or killed so as to entitle them or their Widows and children respectively to the respective Bounties and allowances and every white Servant in the said Companies and also every Negro and other Slave so enlisted as aforesaid who shall actually engage the Enemy in Time of War Insurrection or Invasion and shall courageously behave himself in Battle so as to kill any one of the Enemy or take a Prisoner alive or shall take any of their colours every such white servant and Slave shall upon due proof thereof either by a Certificate of a Field Officer or Captain of any Company under his Hand who shall happen personally to see the Action or shall be informed thereof by the Oath of Two Credible White persons shall be and he is hereby declared to be from thenceforth Free and absolutely discharged from all Servitude or Slavery whatever and the Owner or Owners of such White Servants and Slaves so declared to be free shall be satisfied to the full Vallue of such White Servant or Slave by the Treasurer such value to be ascertained in the Manner herein before directed for Slaves killed in the service. But in case such enlisted Slaves manfully behave themselves in fight with the Enemy but shall not have such Success as to kill or take any enemy or any of their colours but shall yet remarkably behave him or themselves in the Engagement so as to deserve Publick Notice every such Slave upon obtaining a Certificate thereof under the hand of any Field Officer who shall

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shall Certify such action either from his Own personal knowledge or upon the Oath of any one Credible White person shall be entitled to and Receive from the Treasurer Yearly and every year a livery Coat and pair of Breeches made of Good red Cloth turned up with Blue and a hat a pair of Stockings a Shirt and a pair of Shoes and shall that day in every year during their lives on which such Action shall have been performed be freed and exempted from all personal Service and labour to the Owners or Managers.

AND BE IT ENACTED that the Clauses of this Act relating to such Encouragement together with this Clause shall be Publicly read at the head of every Company on the next Muster day of the respective Companies after the passing of this Act and every Commanding Officer who shall neglect to Publish the same as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay the sum of Forty Shillings to be recovered by a Justice of the peace of the respective district where such Omission shall be made by Warrant under his Hand and Seal and such forfeitures shall be applied to the use of the Company where such Omission is made for purchasing Drums Colours and other military Implements for the said Company.

That the Clauses of this Act relating to such rewards to be publicly read—

AND BE IT ENACTED that every Owner Manager Attorney or Trustee of or for any Slave or Slaves as aforesaid who shall refuse or Neg-

Owners &c. neglecting to make out a list of their Male Slaves shall forfeit 40/ & if such are inlisted

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and the
Owner &c
refusing to
send them
shall forfeit
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lect to make out or give in a List of their Male Slaves as herein before is directed every such Owner or Manager shall for every refusal and Neglect Forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings and every such Owner or Manager residing where such Slaves are employed who shall refuse or neglect to bring or send his said Slaves that shall be enlisted in the Militia as aforesaid at all times of alarm or Invasion to the place of rendezvous of the respective Companies in which such Slaves shall be Enlisted after such Owner or Manager hath had notice of such Slaves being Enlisted in the said Company from the Captains of such Companies every such Owner or Manager shall respectively for every such refusal or Neglect for every such Slave so Enlisted forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten pounds which said Forfeiture shall be recovered by a Warrant under the Hands of the Majority of the Field Officers of the regiment to which such persons belong and be paid and applied to such uses as the General Assembly shall direct.

Persons
sued &c for
any matter
may plead
the General
Issue &c.

AND BE IT ENACTED that if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall be sued Impleaded Molested or Prosecuted for any Matter cause or thing whatsoever done or executed or caused to be done and executed by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act and all and every person and persons who shall or may by the Command or in aid or Assistance of any person who shall

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do or execute or cause to be done or executed any Act Matter or Thing by Virtue of or in pursuance of this Act shall and may plead the General Issue and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence and in case the plaintiff or prosecutor shall suffer a discontinuance Enter a Noli Prosequi suffer a Non Suit or if a Verdict shall pass against him he shall pay to every defendant that shall be acquitted or for whom Judgment shall pass his full Double Costs of Suit for which any Court in this province where such prosecution shall be brought is hereby fully Authorized and empowered to give Judgment and award Execution accordingly

AND to the Intent that no person may Plea Ignorance with regard to the Duties Contained in this Act and the penalties incurred for non-Compliance or disobedience thereto Be it Enacted that the Several Superior Officers in each Regiment Troop or Company shall at least once a year read or cause to be read at the head of his regiment Troop or Company by the Sergeant or other Inferior Officer a List of fines for non Performance of Duty and cause the same by Advertisement to be at that time fixed in some Publick place at or near the Muster Field or on the High Road that shall be nearest the same on failure of which Publication and notice aforesaid the said Superior Officer shall pay to the Treasurer a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings. And

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Troops &
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their Regi-
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The Officers
of the Regi-
ments to fix
the District
of each
Company.

AND BE IT ENACTED that it shall and may be Lawful to and for the Officers of every Regiment or a Majority of them and they are hereby Empowered to fix and ascertain the Districts or bounds of every Company in their respective regiments as may appear to them most Convenient and proper.

To continue
three years.

AND BE IT ENACTED that this Act shall be and Continue in force for and during the Term of Three Years and from thence to the end of the next Sessions of the General Assembly and no longer.

By order of the Commons House of Assembly

WILL^M. YOUNG Speaker

Council Chamber
29th September 1773.
Assented to

By order of the
Upper House of
Assembly

JA: WRIGHT.

JAMES HABERSHAM, President.

State