

On penalty of 40l. *Forty Pounds*, to the Treasury of such County : To be recovered before the County Court in the County where the Transgression is committed.

Charge to be born by the society. And the Proceedings in settling and affixing such Meeting-House Place shall be at the Charge of the Society where such House is needed : And such County Court shall be allowed the Fees for their Judgment thereon, as in the Trial of other Causes.

An Act for preserving due Order in Town-Meetings, Society-Meetings, and in the Meetings of other Communities ; and for preventing Tumults therein.

Preamble. *WHEREAS the Peace and good Order of Towns, Societies and other Communities do very much depend on their peaceably and orderly carrying on and managing their Affairs in their Meetings, and their regularly proceeding therein.*

Therefore,
BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That when any Town, Society or Proprietors Meeting, or the Meeting of any other Community is lawfully assembled, if any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall in such Meeting or Assembly, by tumultuous Noise, Quarrelling, or by any unlawful Act, disturb such Meeting, or hinder the Members thereof from proceeding in an orderly and peaceable Manner to the choice of their Moderator, or after the choice of such Moderator, shall vilify or abuse him, or interrupt him in the discharge of his Trust ; or after he hath commanded Silence in such Meeting, shall speak in the Meeting to the disturbance of the Business of the Meeting, without the Moderator's Leave first had and obtained, (unless it be to ask reasonable Liberty to speak) such Person or Persons so offending in any of the Particulars above-mentioned, contrary to the Intent of this Act, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Fine of *Five Shillings* to the Treasurer of the Town where the Offence is committed.

penalty for disturbing any meeting, &c.
 Triable by an assitant or justice. All Offences against this Act to be heard and determined by any one Assitant or Justice of the Peace ; unless the Offence be aggravated by some notorious breach of Peace ; in which Case the Offenders shall be bound over by such Assitant or Justice, to the next County Court, to answer for such Offence : Which Court may impose such Fine as the aggravations of the Offence, in their Judgment deserves ; not exceeding *Ten Pounds*.

Adjournments to be by major part. And that no such Meeting shall be adjourned, but by the major Part of the Members present.

An Act for forming, regulating, and conducting the military Force of this State.

Preamble. *IV WHEREAS the Defence and Security of all free States depends (under God) upon the Exertions of a well regulated and disciplined Militia.*

Wherefore,
BE it Enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all male Persons, from sixteen Years of Age to Forty-five, shall constitute the military Force of this State, except Members of the Council, of the House of Representatives, and of the Congress of the United States for the Time being, the State Treasurer, and Secretary, Justices of the Peace, field, commissioned, and staff Officers, honourably discharged, Ministers of the Gospel, the President, Tutors and Students of College, Physicians and Surgeons, Select-men, constant School-masters, one Miller to each Grist-mill, being approved by the Select-men, and having a Certificate thereof, constant Mariners who

Who obliged to bear arms, and who exempt.

6. Conn.—General Assembly, Hartford, A & L, T. Green, 1784; Act, n. d., pp. 144-157.

who make it their constant Business to go to Sea, Sheriffs and Constables, constant Ferry-men, Persons disabled through Lameness or other bodily Infirmary, during the Continuance of such Disability, producing a Certificate thereof from two able Physicians, to the Acceptance of his or their commissioned Officers, non-commissioned Officers and Privates who have enlisted or shall hereafter enlist into the *Connecticut* Line of the Army of the United States, for the Term of the present War, and have faithfully served for said Term, or obtained an honourable Discharge, and Indians, Negroes and Molattoes.

Provided nevertheless, That such military Officers, and all Householders and others not fifty-five Years of Age, shall give their Attendance on Days appointed for viewing of Arms, as hereafter directed; and such Officers shall be subject to do their Proportion of military Duty, when called by a superior Officer, in the Office they have respectively sustained.

And whereas sundry Persons have heretofore obtained Discharges from military Duty, on Account of temporary Disorders and Infirmities of Body, which in many Instances are removed, and others have obtained such Discharges from an Abuse of the Provisions of the Law heretofore in force for that Purpose.

Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no able bodied and effective Man, in the Judgment of the commissioned Officers of the Company, within the Limits of which he may belong, shall, on Account of such Discharges, be exempted from military Duty, but shall be enrolled in their respective Companies, agreeable to the Provisions of this Act, and be liable to do Duty in such Companies as others by Law are, such Discharges notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted, That the military Companies shall continue and remain as they now are, in respect to the Lines of Division and Boundaries and Order of Dignification.

And that the several military Companies aforesaid, shall be divided into Regiments, Brigades and Divisions, in Manner following, viz.

Those in the Towns of *Hartford, Windsor, Suffield*, and that Part of the Town of *Farmington* lying in the Parish of *Wintonbury*, shall constitute the first Regiment.

Those in the Towns of *New-Haven, Milford, Derby and Woodbridge*, shall constitute the second Regiment.

Those in the Towns of *New-London and Lyme*, shall constitute the third Regiment.

Those in the Towns of *Fairfield, Stratford and Reading*, shall constitute the fourth Regiment.

Those in the Towns of *Windham, Mansfield, Coventry and Ashford*, shall constitute the fifth Regiment.

Those in the Towns of *Wethersfield and Glastenbury*, shall constitute the sixth Regiment.

Those in the Towns of *Say-Brook, Killingworth and Haddam*, shall constitute the seventh Regiment.

Those in the Towns of *Stonington, Preston and Groton*, shall constitute the eighth Regiment.

Those in the Towns of *Norwalk, Stamford and Greenwich*, shall constitute the ninth Regiment.

Those in the Towns of *Wallingford, Cheshire and Durham*, shall constitute the tenth Regiment.

Those in the Towns of *Pomfret, Killingly and Woodstock* (except the South Company in said *Killingly*) shall constitute the eleventh Regiment.

Those in the Towns of *Lebanon, Hebron*, and the Company in the Society of *Marlborough* in *Colchester*, shall constitute the twelfth Regiment.

Provided.

When discharges shall not avail to exempt from military duty.

Companies to remain the same, &c.

Divided into regts. & brigades, &c.

1st. Regt.

2d. Regt.

3d. Regt.

4th regt.

5th regt.

6th regt.

7th regt.

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