

PUBLIC LAWS

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OF THE

STATE OF RHODE-ISLAND

AND

PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,

AS REVISED BY A COMMITTEE, AND FINALLY ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AT THE SESSION IN JANUARY, 1844.

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE CHARTER OF CHARLES II., DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,
RESOLUTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,
ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION, CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, PROCEED-
INGS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES BY RHODE-ISLAND, PRESIDENT WASHINGTON'S ADDRESS
OF SEPTEMBER, 1796, AND CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE-
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parade ground ; and also any spectator or bystander who shall abuse, molest or strike any one when on parade or under arms.

SEC. 44. The brigadier generals, brigade inspectors and brigade quarter-masters, shall attend the inspections and reviews of their respective brigades ; shall inspect their arms, ammunition and equipments ; superintend their exercises and evolutions, and introduce and enforce the system of discipline required by law and by the orders of the commander-in-chief.

SEC. 45. No non-commissioned officer or private shall unnecessarily or without orders from his superior officer, come on to any place of parade with his musket, rifle or pistol loaded with balls, slugs, shot or other dangerous substance, or shall so load the same while on parade.

SEC. 46. No officer, non-commissioned officer, or private, shall be compelled to do military duty on any day appointed for town, city or ward meetings, or for the election of any civil officer in the town or city in which he shall reside, except on the third Monday in May, unless it be in case of invasion, insurrection, riot or tumult threatened ; and no doings of any town, city or ward meeting, and no election of civil officers holden on the third Monday in May, shall be valid or of any legal force.

SEC. 47. Nothing in this act contained shall prevent any chartered or volunteer company from meeting at any time for drill, funeral or any other voluntary duty, nor impair the corporate privileges of any chartered company, nor any lawful articles of agreement adopted by any company so far as relates to those who have voluntarily signed the same, not inconsistent herewith.

SEC. 48. All general orders shall be distributed by the adjutant general ; all division orders, by one of the aids of the major general ; all brigade orders, by the brigade major ; all regimental orders, by the adjutant ; and company orders, by any non-commissioned officer or private, when required by the commanding officer : *provided, however*, that if the adjutant general or brigade major shall be sick, absent or unable to distribute such orders, or either of such offices shall be vacant, the orders may be distributed by any other officer detailed for that purpose by the officer issuing the order.

SEC. 49. The commander-in-chief shall have power to order out the whole or any part of the militia, as may seem to him expedient, for review, the performance of escort, and other duties.