

Furlough, and how long he has been absent on such Account respectively. And if any Soldier or Soldiers shall have Died, Deserted, or have been Discharged from, or Enlisted into such Company, since the last Muster thereof, then opposite to their Names respectively shall be notified, and it shall be specified in the said Certificates when such Soldier or Soldiers Died, Deserted, or were Discharged or Enlisted. And until the Captain or Commanding Officer of any Company shall have given such particular Certificates as are above-mentioned, the said Commissary shall not enter in such Muster-Roll the Names of any Officers or Men, except such as shall actually muster and appear before him.

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And to deter the Officers from giving false Certificates, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Certificates as aforesaid shall be returned to the Agents with the Muster-Rolls aforesaid; and if any Officer shall make or give, or procure to be made or given, any false or untrue Certificate, such Officer shall, upon the Oaths of Two Witnesses, be forthwith cashiered, and for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Current Money, and be moreover disabled to have or hold any Military or Civil Office within this Province.

[Penalty on giving false Certificates.]

And be it further Enacted, That the said Commissary shall always close the Muster Roll of each Company upon the Place where, and the Day when, the Muster thereof shall be taken, and the two eldest Officers of such Company (who are hereby required to be present, unless the Duty of their Station obliges them to the contrary), if so many shall be present, shall, with the said Commissary, subscribe the said Muster-Rolls; and if the said Commissary, or any such Officer as aforesaid, shall sign a false or untrue Muster-Roll or Rolls, they, and each of them, shall, for every such Offence, upon Proof made thereof by two Witnesses, forfeit the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Current Money, and be rendered incapable of holding any Military or Civil Office or Employment within this Province: And if any Officer having received a Soldier's Pay, shall detain or withhold the same, or any Part thereof, by the Space of a Fortnight after such Pay shall be by him received, unless such Soldier shall be on Furlough, and then, if such Officer shall detain it a Week after the Expiration of the Furlough and Return of the Soldier to his Duty, such Officer, so offending, shall, upon Proof thereof, before a General Court-Martial, forfeit Fifty Pounds Current Money, and be cashiered; and if the Informer be a Soldier, and demand a Discharge, he shall be thereupon discharged from any further Service.

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[Muster-Rolls, how to be closed.]

[And Soldiers paid.]

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Returns, Muster-Rolls, Certificates, Accounts, and Receipts, which shall be returned to the said Agents, agreeable to the Directions of this Act,

[Returns, &c. to be laid before the Assembly.]