

An Act for the Ordering & regulating the Militia of
this Province & for the better Security and defence

Thereof

Be it Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by & with the
advice and consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall
Assembly and the Authority of the same that from & after the end of the
Sessions of this present Generall Assembly the Militia of this Province
shall be mustered trayned and Exercised according to these instructions
and directions following

First.

That every Collonell Major or Captains of foot abiddij Commissioned
or hereafter to be Commissioned by his Lordshipps his heirs or Successors
Lords and Proprietaries of this Province or his or their Lieutenant or
Chief Governour of this Province for the tyme being shall have power
to enlist such and so many men inhabiting within this Province not
hereafter excepted in their severall and Respective divisions between
Sixteen and Sixty yeares of age as they shall thinke fitt by as equall
Proportion of the said Inhabitants as possibly they can to be of the
Militia or trayned bands of this Province which said persons soe
enlisted they shall muster Exercise & traine upp at such places & at
such certain times as to them shall seeme meete or the service safety
and defence of this Province shall require or his Lordshipps the Lord
Proprietary of this Province his heirs or Successors or his or their
Lieutenant Generall or Chief Governour or Lieutenant Generall or Chief
Governour and Councill for the tyme being shall soe cause to order

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That every such Collonell Major or Captains shall give notices or
summons upon every Trayning or Mustering to every person soe
enlisted as aforesaid within his Respective Division or Limits at the
head of his Company or at the house of the party by an officer of his
Company or a warrant under his hand to appear at such time and
place as he shall appoint for such Trayning and Mustering And that
if any man after such notices or summons given as aforesaid shall neglect or
Refuse to appear at the time and place appointed as aforesaid or that
shall Refuse when he hath soe appeared to be enlisted into the Militia
or Trayned Bands as aforesaid, or that being soe enlisted shall not from
time to time as he shall be summoned or warned as aforesaid appear and
bring with him one good serviceable fixed Gunne and six shoots of Powder
shall for every such offender if a freeman forfeit and pay the sume of
one hundred pounds of Tobacco to the Lord Proprietary & if a servant
letted or hindered by his master Mistres or Overseer Then such Master
Mistres or Overseer to forfeit and pay the like sume of one hundred pounds of
Tobacco