

Lib. J. R. of this Province makes it exceedingly expedient and neces-  
& U. S. sary that the Militia thereof, should be regulated carefully  
trained, and disciplined. I have thought fit with the Advice  
of his Lordships Council of State to issue this my Procla-  
mation requiring and commanding all Officers of the Militia  
within this Province to have the several Regiments, Troops,  
or Companies under their respective Commands frequently  
mustered and exercised (once at least in every Month during  
the Summer) and to see that the Mens Arms are constantly  
kept in good Order, and fit for Service, that they may be pre-  
pared and ready to oppose any Invaders, and to defend this  
Part of his Majestys Dominions, and their own properties;  
and I do further direct and enjoin the several Military  
Officers, during the time above mentioned, to put in Force  
and take Care that the Militia Laws of this Province be  
strictly executed against such Persons as shall neglect their  
Duty, or disobey the lawful Commands of their respective  
Officers,

Given at the City of Annapolis the twenty fifth day of  
May in the fifth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque  
Domini 1756:

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The following is a Clause of the Act of Assembly lately  
made in this Province intituled, An Act for granting a  
Supply of £40000 for his Majestys Service and striking  
£34015..6..0: thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund  
for sinking the same.

“And for the better Encouragement of Freemen of suffi-  
cient Ability of Body, and fit for Service who shall volun-  
tarily offer themselves, and be accepted, to garrison the Fort  
and Block Houses aforesaid.

“Be it Enacted that the Sum of twenty two Shillings  
and six Pence, or three Pieces of Eight, out of the eleven  
thousand Pounds aforesaid, be paid to every such Freeman  
on his enlisting as aforesaid; and in case sufficient Freemen  
fit for the Service aforesaid, shall not offer themselves to be  
enlisted to compleat the Number of two hundred, including  
Officers, by the twentieth day of June next, that then the  
Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province for the  
time being shall immediately after the said twentieth day of  
June next, apportion, and direct the Number of Men to be  
drafted out of each respective County of this Province, to  
make up the Number aforesaid and forthwith shall direct  
the Colonels of the respective Counties, with the utmost Ex-  
pedition to call together their whole Militia at such conven-  
ient Places within their said Counties as the said Colonels