

and shall require Certificates of the Officer commanding such Party or Division, in which Certificates shall be expressed or certified the particular Service or Duty, on which such Party or Division, and every Man thereof, is absent, the Occasion of such his Absence, and how long he has been absent; 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 such Certificate when such Soldier or Soldiers died, deserted, or were discharged or enlisted: And until the Commanding Officer of any Party or Division, shall have given such particular Certificates, as are abovementioned, the said Captain shall not enter in such Muster-Roll the Names of any Officers or Men, except such as shall actually appear before him.

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XVIII. And be it further Enacted, That the said Captains 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, besides the Captain (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 Captain, subscribe the said Muster-Roll.

XIX. And be it further Enacted, That if any Officer, having received a Soldier's Pay, shall detain or with-hold 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 there-upon discharged from any further Service.

XX. And be it Enacted, That every Officer stationed or posted at, or ranging about, any of the Places hereaftermentioned who shall, after the Twenty-fifth Day of December, Seventeen Hundred and Fifty-seven, wittingly or willingly allow, sign, make or give, or cause or procure to be signed, allowed, made or given, any false or untrue Muster-Roll, Certificate, or Journal or Duplicate of such Muster-Roll, Certificate, or Journal; upon Proof thereof upon Oath, made by Two Witnesses before the Provincial Court, shall, for such Offence, be disabled from having or holding any Civil or Military Office or Employment in this Province, and shall likewise forfeit and pay, if a Captain or Lieutenant, One Hundred Pounds Current Money; if under the Degree of a Lieutenant, Fifty Pounds Current Money; to be recovered by Action of Debt, or on the Case, in the said Court, with full Costs, and applied as hereafter directed.