

bodied, best disciplined, and most expert of those Officers and Men, and best qualified for the Services intended by this Act, and hereafter directed.

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XXVI. And in Case there shall not be among the said Men, a sufficient Number of such Men as aforesaid, who, by the Terms of their Enlistment, are obliged to serve for such Time as aforesaid, then it shall and may be lawful for his Excellency Horatio Sharpe, Esq; or the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, to empower Persons to Enlist so many such Men, able-bodied and fit for the Service, as shall be wanting to compleat the aforesaid Number of Three Hundred Men, Officers included; which Men, so to be Enlisted, shall be Enlisted to serve for an indefinite Time, and not otherwise.

XXVII. And be it further Enacted, That the said Three Hundred Men shall immediately, upon passing this Act, be stationed at Fort Frederick in this Province, as Rangers; and from thence shall Range for the Defence, Protection, and Quiet of the Frontier Inhabitants, in Manner following; That is to say, One Third Part of the said Three Hundred Men, which shall be effective, shall go out monthly, during their Continuance in the Pay of this Province as aforesaid (the First Party to go out as soon as possible); and shall be divided into Three Parties, One of which, under the Command of a Captain or Lieutenant, shall be employed constantly in Ranging the Woods about the Temporary Line, between Conococheague and the North-Mountain, as near the Settlements of the Inhabitants, as may be most conducive to their Defence and Protection, lying in Ambush when necessary, at such Place or Places, about the said Line, or on the said Mountain, as it is most probably the Enemy will pass or repass; One other of the said Three Parties, under the Command of a Lieutenant, shall be employed as aforesaid, near the Mouth of Conococheague, and between that and Baker's Fort, and the North-Mountain; and the other of the said Parties shall be employed as aforesaid, near the Place formerly known by the Name of Mr. Dulany's Quarter, and from thence along the Temporary Line by Crosse's Fort to Baker's Fort, and along the same Line to Anti-Eatam from the said Quarter. And in Case any of the Men or Officers shall, during the Time they shall be so ordered out, die, be killed, or be by any Means rendered non-effective, or should desert, then the Officer commanding the Party, shall immediately make Application to the Commanding Officer at the Fort, who shall forthwith send other Officers or Men, to supply the Place of such Officers or Men, dead, killed, non-effective, or deserted; which said Parties shall be relieved at the End of One Month from the going out of the First Party; and so Parties shall go out monthly, during the Continuance of the said Three Hundred Men in the Pay of this Province as aforesaid; and the Parties who are to relieve, shall be at their several