

Discovery of the Authors of such Reports, that they make Report thereof to the Governor and Council with all Expedition.

May 25th 1756. Ordered that the following Proclamation issue.

Whereas the present Nature of Affairs, and the Situation of this Province make it accordingly expedient and necessary that the Militia thereof should be regulated, established, trained, and disciplined: I have thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State, to issue this my Proclamation 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 Men's Arms are constantly kept in good Order, and fit for Service; that they may be prepared and ready to oppose any Invaders, and to defend this Part of his Majesty's 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.
Thos. Sharpe

The following is a Clause of the Act of Assembly lately made in this Province, intituled, An Act for granting a Supply of 40,000. for his Majesty's Service, and whilomg 134015. l. s. thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same.

And for the better Encouragement of Persons of sufficient Ability of Body, and fit for Service who shall voluntarily 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 Freeman 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, make proclamation, 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 Expedition to call together their whole Militia at such convenient Places within their said Counties as the said Colonels shall appoint at the same time acquainting them with the Number of Men to be drafted out of their respective Militias, and the Colonels, Majors, and Captains of each respective County, or