

People of this Province, by the Indians: and y^e great danger
 the Province, and the Inhabitants thereof are exposed to,
 by y^e frequent incursions and invasions of the common
 Enemy, the Indians: and to the intent, that some speedy
 Course may be taken, for y^e safety and defence of
 this Province, and the Inhabitants thereof, against the
 said Indians: And forasmuch as y^e Exercising, & Training
 up of Souldiers, in the art of Warre, and Military Dis-
 cipline, is (at all times) most necessary, to put & keep
 us in a good posture of defence ag^t our Enemies; and
 yet, at this time of danger, very much neglected, to
 y^e endangering of the whole Province: And for y^e settling
 & ascertaining the charge of any warre that may hap-
 pen, within this Province; They humbly Pray, that
 it may be Enacted: and Be it Enacted, by the Lord
 Prop^r of this Province, by, and with y^e advice & consent
 of y^e Upper & Lower houses of this present gen^l Assembly,
 & y^e authority of y^e same, That every Colonell, Captain,
 or Major, within this Province, already Commissioned,
 or hereafter to be Commissioned, by his Lordsh^{ip}, or his
 heirs, or Successors, Lords and Prop^r of this Province,
 or his, or their Lieutent., or Chief Govern^r of this
 Province, for y^e time being, shall have power to Enlist
 such, and so many persons, inhabiting within this
 Province, in their severall, & respective Divisions, Between
 Sixteen, and Sixty yeares of age, as they shall think
 fitt to be of the militia, or Trained Bands of this Pro-
 vince. Which Persons so Enlisted, they shall muster,
 Exercise, and Train up, at such certain Places, and at
 such certain times, and as often, as to them shall seem
 meet, or y^e service, safety, and defence of y^e Province
 shall