

An Act for the ordering and regulating the Militia  
of this province for the better Defence and Security thereof

Be it Enacted by the Queens most excellent Majesty  
by and with the advice and Consent of her Majestys privy Councill  
and of the honorable House of Commons of this province And the Authority of the  
same that from and after the end of this Session of Assembly the  
Militia of this province shall be mustered trained and exercised  
according to these Instructions and directing following (that  
every Colonel Major or Captain of Foot already commissioned  
or hereafter to be commissioned by his Excellency the Governour  
of this province for the time being shall have power to enlist such  
and so many Inhabitants within this province not then after  
excepted within severall and respective Divisions between sixteen  
and twenty years of age as they shall thinke fitt by an equall  
proportions of the sayd Inhabitants and possibly they came  
to be of the Militia or Train Bands of this province which said  
persons so enlisted they shall exercise muster and train in and at  
such places and at such certain times as to them shall seem meet or  
the Service safely or Defence of this province shall require or as his Ex-  
cellency the Governour of this province for the time being shall see  
cause to order And that every such Colonel Major or Captain shall  
give Notice or Sumons upon every Training or Mustering to every  
person so enlisted as aforesaid within his respective Division or  
Limit at the head of his Company or at the house of the party by  
an Officer of his Company or warrant under his hand to appear at such  
time and place as he shall appoint for such training or mustering  
And that if any man after such Notice given and Sumons as aforesaid  
shall neglect to appear at the time and place appointed, as  
aforesaid or that shall refuse when he shall so appeared to be enlisted  
into the Militia and Train Band aforesaid or that being so enlisted  
shall from time to time as he shall be summoned or warned as aforesaid  
to appear and bring with him one good Serviceable Gunne fixed with  
two Shotts of powder shall for every such Offence (if a freeman person

The Original of this Law being burnt in the Chamber the same before this handwriting was Compered with it  
It was reconnected and recorded againe in this booke the 19th of Charles the first of the 17th of June

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