

This Act was altered for 3 years
in 1719 and from that time
to the end of the next session of
the Assembly

In 1722 This Act was continued
in full force without any
alteration of time by
An Act directing how times
shall be adjudged against
such as shall be brought to
appear at Muster -
A Supplementary
act made here to 1700 -

An Act for the ordering and regulating the Militia of
this province for the better defence and security thereof

Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and
with the advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governour Council and
Assembly of this province and the authority of the said that from
and after the end of this present Session of Assembly the Militia of
this province shall be mustered trained and exercised according to these
Directions and Instructions following videlicet, That every Colonel
Lieutenant Colonel Major or Captain of horse or foot already
Commissioned or hereafter to be Commissioned by His Excellency the
Governour of this province for the times being shall have power to
enlist such and so many Inhabitants within this province not hereafter
excepted in their severall and respective divisions between sixteen and
sixty years of age as they shall think fit by as equal Proportions of
the said Inhabitants as possibly they can to be of the Militia or Trainbands
of this province which said persons so enlisted they shall muster exercise
and train in and at such Places and at such certain times as to them
shall seem meet, and as the Service, Safety, or defence of this province
shall require or as His Excellency the Governour of this province or
Commander in Chief for the time being shall see cause to order and
that every such Colonel Lieutenant Colonel Major or Captain
shall give Notice or Summons upon every training or Mustering to
every person so enlisted as at 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 Summons
shall neglect to appear at the place and time appointed as
aforesaid or shall refuse when he hath so appeared to be enlisted into
the Militia and trainbands aforesaid or shall being so enlisted shall not
from time to time as he shall be summoned or warned as aforesaid
appear and bring with him one good serviceable Gun with
six Charges of powder shall for every such offence (if a freeman)
forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds of tobacco, and if
a Servant letted or hired by his master Mistress or Overseer then
such master Mistress or Overseer to pay the like sum of one hundred
pounds of tobacco for every Servant so letted or hired as aforesaid for
the use of the Troop or foot Company to which he belongs to purchase
Drums Colours and other necessary for the said Troop or Company
as the field officers of the Militia in that County or any part of