

Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That any Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, or Major, already commissioned, or hereafter to be commissioned, by the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, or any Two, or more of them, shall have the same Powers and Authorities, in the Execution of any Laws now in Force concerning the Militia, as the Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, or Major, intended by the said Laws, are invested with: *Provided*, the Number of such Officers, who shall at any Time act, or execute any Part of the same Laws, be the same as is directed for such Purposes, by the said Laws.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, shall and may, at any Time or Times, as to him shall seem meet, cause or order to be delivered out of the Publick, or County Magazine or Store, such and so many Arms as to Him shall seem proper, to the Colonel of each County, and the Captain of every Company, within any Town or Corporation of this Province: For which said Arms, the said Colonel and Captain, shall give his and their Receipt and Receipts; which said Receipt and Receipts shall be recorded in the Council-Book of this Province; and the Record thereof allowed as good Evidence against such Colonel or Captain; and shall account with and be answerable to the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, from Time to Time, for the same, or the Value thereof, or of so many as shall not be produced to His Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, or to such Person or Persons as shall be appointed by the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, for such Purpose, when He or they shall demand the same, in as good Order and Condition as they ought to be: Which Condition and Value, shall and may be adjudged and determined by his Excellency the Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, or by such Person or Persons as shall be appointed by the Governor or Commander in Chief, for that Purpose: Which Value, being so determined, such Colonel shall pay to his Excellency the Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, or to such Person or Persons as shall be appointed by the Governor or Commander in Chief, for that Purpose; to and for the Purchase of Arms, and Ammunition, for the Use of the Regiment or Regiments in the respective County to which the said Colonel belongs. And upon the Neglect or Refusal of such Colonel or Captain, to pay such Value, it shall and may be lawful, to and for His said Excellency, or Commander in Chief, or such Person or Persons as shall be appointed by the Governor or Commander in Chief, for that Purpose, to certify such Neglect, or Refusal, under his or their Hands, to the Clerk of the respective County, and require the same Clerk to issue an Execution for such Value, against the Body, Goods, or Chattels, of such Colonel or Captain: Upon which Certificate, such Clerk is hereby ordered, to issue an Execution accordingly, directed to the Sheriff of the said County, or Coroner thereof, if the said Colonel or Captain should be the Sheriff thereof at that Time, to levy the Sum amounting to such Value, on the Body, Goods, or Chattels, of such Colonel or Captain; which said Execution, the Sheriff, or Coroner, of each respective County is hereby directed and required to serve and execute: And the Money which shall be paid to the said Sheriff, or Coroner thereon, he, the said Sheriff, or Coroner, shall deliver and pay, once in every Year, to his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, for the
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