

Acts of Assembly passed in May, 1756.

Days of the Day to be by him appointed as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay Twenty Pounds Current Money, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

No Part of the 25,000 l. by this Act appointed for the Expedition, shall be expended, until the Governor receives undoubted Assurance, that the neighbouring Colonies will contribute their Quotas, &c.

XXX. *AND be it further Enacted*, That no Part of the Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, by this Act applied for the carrying on an Expedition, in Conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies, shall be laid out or expended in any Manner whatsoever, until the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, of this Province, shall have received from the Governors of all the said Colonies, or of *Virginia* and *Pennsylvania* only, undoubted Assurance, that the Assemblies of their respective Governments will contribute their reasonable Quotas towards the supporting and carrying on such Expedition: But that then and in such Case, the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, by this Act directed to be applied to the enlisting Men, purchasing Arms, and defraying all the other necessary Expences of such Expedition, shall not be taken or drawn out of the Loan-Office of this Province; but shall be and remain in the said Office, to be applied as the General Assembly of this Province shall hereafter direct and appoint; any Thing in this Act, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Officers and Soldiers Pay.

XXXI. *AND be it further Enacted*, That all Freemen that shall or may voluntarily enlist themselves, or be drafted and ballotted, according to the Direction of this Act, from any of the Companies of the Militia of the several Counties of this Province, to compleat the Number of Two Hundred Men (including Officers), which are to be employed at the Fort and Block-Houses, by this Act directed to be built, for the Security and Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants, and all Men that shall or may be enlisted or raised for carrying on any Expedition, in Conjunction with the neighbouring Governments, in Manner before mentioned, shall, over and above the Bounty-Money given to such as shall voluntarily enlist themselves, and the Cloathing and all Things necessary for a Soldier, be paid and satisfied for their Service from the Time of their respective Enlistment, or being ballotted, in Manner following, that is to say, To every Captain, having the Command of a Company of Ninety-nine Men, including Officers, Twelve Shillings and six Pence per Day: To every Lieutenant of such Company, Six Shillings and eight Pence per Day: To every Ensign Five Shillings per Day: To a Gun-Smith to be employed in the Fort, Two Shillings and six Pence per Day: To every Serjeant, One Shilling and six Pence by the Day: To every Corporal, One Shilling and two Pence by the Day: To every Drummer, One Shilling and two Pence by the Day: And to each and every private Soldier, Nine Pence by the Day: To a Surgeon at the Fort, Six Shillings by the Day, and Medicines to be found by the Agent out of the Money raised by this Act: To a Surgeon, who shall attend the Expedition aforesaid, to be allowed for himself and Mate Twelve Shillings and six Pence per Day, and Medicines to be found as aforesaid: To a Commissary of Stores, Seven Shillings and six Pence per Day: Which several Officers, Gun-Smith, Surgeon, Commissary of Stores, and Soldiers, are hereby directed duly to be paid monthly. *Provided always*, That the several Companies of Men that shall be enlisted and raised in Manner aforesaid, for the different Purposes in this Act mentioned, shall not be obliged to serve or continue on Duty after the tenth Day of *February* next, but shall, at that Time, be disbanded, discharged, and paid off; and that on no Pretence whatsoever any of the Forces or Levies enlisted or raised, by Virtue of this Act, shall be longer continued or kept in Pay.

Soldiers not to be obliged to serve after the 10th Day of *February* next.

XXXII. *AND for the Encouragement of such Soldiers that shall adventure their Lives in the Expedition aforesaid, for his Majesty's Service, or in Defence of this Province, and for Provision of some reasonable Pension for the future, to be settled on such Soldiers as shall happen to be maimed, or rendered incapable to get their Livelihood for themselves or Families:*

Soldiers maimed or wounded to have a Pension.

XXXIII. *BE it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That every Person who shall adventure as a Soldier on such Expedition, or Defence of this Province, and shall therein happen to be maimed or receive hurt, so as to be incapable of getting a Livelihood, as aforesaid, shall, according to his Disability, receive a yearly Pension, to be raised out of the Public Levy of this Province, during the Time of such Disability: The Party petitioning for such Pensions and Allowances, procuring a Certificate from the County Court where he or they live, that he or they are Objects of Charity, and deserve to have such Pension and Allowance.

Officers and Soldiers to be subject to the same Laws, Punishments, &c. as are inflicted by an Act of Parliament, entitled, *An Act for punishing Mutiny & Desertion, &c.*

XXXIV. *AND for the better regulating and keeping in due Subjection, to their Commanding Officers, the Forces that shall be raised or enlisted to march, and act in Conjunction with those of the neighbouring Colonies, or with those raised by Virginia and Pennsylvania only, on any Expedition to the Westward, out of the Limits of the Province:*

XXXV. *BE it Enacted*, That all and every of the Officers and Soldiers commissioned, raised, enlisted, and in pay, for the Purpose aforesaid, shall be subject to the same Laws, Rules, Duties, and Trials, and be liable to the same Punishments, as they would by Virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in the twenty-eighth Year of his present Majesty, entitled, *An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army, and their Quarters.*

Officers and Soldiers mutinying, &c. shall suffer as Felons.

XXXVI. *AND be it further Enacted*, That if any Officer or Soldier, enlisted, or drafted out of the Militia of the several Counties of this Province, to serve and continue on Duty in the Forts and Block-Houses on the Western Frontier of this Province, shall excite or join in any Mutiny, or refuse to obey the just Commands of his superior Officer, or shall desert from the said Service, contrary to the Intent of this Law, he shall suffer as a Felon; and being thereof convicted, or indicted and arraigned, and standing mute, or peremptorily challenging above Twenty, shall suffer Death.

Persons harbouring Deserters, knowing them to be such, shall forfeit 10 l.

XXXVII. *AND be it further Enacted*, That if any Person shall harbour or conceal, or assist any Deserter, from the Service aforesaid, knowing him to be such, the Person so offending shall forfeit, for such Offence, the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money; one Moiety thereof to the Informer, the other to the Uses in this Act mentioned; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law, to be allowed, or more than one Imparance.

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