

Acts of Assembly passed in April, 1757.

VII. *AND be it further Enacted*, That the Agents herein after appointed, shall deliver to the Persons, who shall be employed by the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province in Raising or Recruiting the said Five Hundred Men, such Sums of Money as the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, shall direct, by Order under his Hand, to be by the said Persons paid out in Bounties as aforesaid, so as the said Sums, to be delivered by the said Agents, exceed not, in the Whole, the Sum of Eighteen Hundred Pounds Current Money. And the said Persons, so to be employed in Raising or Recruiting Men as aforesaid, before they shall receive any of the Money aforesaid, shall give Bond, with proper Security, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, which shall be delivered to the said Agents, to account for the same as herein after directed, and to repay to the said Agents any Part of the said Money that may remain in their Hands unapplied to the Use aforesaid.

VIII. *AND be it further Enacted*, That the said Persons, who shall be employed in Raising and Recruiting as aforesaid, shall, and they are hereby required, at the End of Three Months from the End of this Session of Assembly, to account with the Agents aforesaid, and then deliver to them Receipts from the Men by them respectively Enlisted, for all such Bounty Money as they shall claim Allowance for on such Accounting: And at the End of Six Months, from the Time aforesaid, they shall account with the said Agents for the Remainder of such Sums as they shall have received from them as aforesaid; and for all such Sums as they shall then claim to be allowed, they shall produce such Receipts as aforesaid; and the Remainder of the said Sums, if any shall be then in their Hands, they shall pay to the said Agents, to be by them applied for the Purposes of this Act.

IX. *AND to prevent the Embezzlement of any Money that is or may be allowed for the Pay of the said Five Hundred Men, Be it Enacted*, That the several Companies of the said Five Hundred Men, or such Part of them as shall be at any Time raised, shall be mustered monthly (the first Month to commence from and after the End of this Session of Assembly), while they remain in the Province: And in Case the Commander in Chief, or Person properly authorized aforesaid, shall march any of them out of the Province, then such Part shall be mustered once in every Two Months, during the Time they shall be without the Limits thereof. And until Muster-Rolls, in Manner and Form hereafter directed, shall be returned to, and received by, the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, and the Agents aforesaid, the said Agents shall not advance or remit any Sum or Sums of Money for the Pay of the respective Company or Companies, the Muster-Roll or Rolls whereof shall not be so returned and received.

X. And for the more effectually preventing Fraud and Deceit in the mustering of the Soldiers, in the Pay of this Province, by Virtue of this Act, *Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That Muster-Rolls shall be made out, agreeable to the Form now used by Order of his Majesty in making out Muster-Rolls of the *British* Forces; and as soon as possible after any Muster shall be made, had, or taken, by the said Commissary, he shall make Oath before one of his Lordship's Justices of the Peace, in Manner and Form following, *viz.* " I A. B. do swear, that I saw mustered, at the Time of making the within Muster, such Men as are borne on the within Muster-Roll, and for which no signed Certificate or Certificates are indorsed thereon, certifying their being absent from such Muster, by Reason of being employed on Detachment or other Duty, or by being Sick, in Prison, on Furlough, Dead, Deserted, or Discharged:" And the said Justice, upon the said Commissary's making such Oath to such Muster-Roll, is hereby required and directed immediately to make a Certificate thereof on the Back of such Muster-Roll. And for every Neglect in the said Commissary to make out and return such Muster-Rolls as aforesaid, on Oath as aforesaid, he shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds Current Money. And when it shall happen to be out of the Power of the Captain or Officer commanding any Company, to make his whole Company appear before the Commissary, on Account of such Company's being divided into different Parties, or Ranging in different Parts, then and in such Case, the Commissary shall, on his Muster-Roll, distinguish the Names of such as are absent at the Time of taking the Muster, and shall require Certificates of the Officer commanding the Company, in which Certificates shall be expressed or specified the Reason of the Officer, commanding such Division, or any Soldier, his being absent, whether he be Ranging on Detachment or any other Duty, Sick, Recruiting, or on Furlough, and how long he has been absent on such Account respectively. And if any Soldier or Soldiers shall have Died, Deserted, or have been Discharged from, or Enlisted into such Company, since the last Muster thereof, then opposite to their Names respectively shall be notified, and it shall be specified in the said Certificates when such Soldier or Soldiers Died, Deserted, or were Discharged or Enlisted. And until the Captain or Commanding Officer of any Company shall have given such particular Certificates as are abovementioned, the said Commissary shall not enter in such Muster-Roll the Names of any Officers or Men, except such as shall actually muster and appear before him.

XI. *AND to deter the Officers from giving false Certificates, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all such Certificates as aforesaid shall be returned to the Agents with the Muster-Rolls aforesaid; and if any Officer shall make or give, or procure to be made or given, any false or untrue Certificate, such Officer shall, upon the Oaths of Two Witnesses, be forthwith cashiered, and for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Current Money, and be moreover disabled to have or hold any Military or Civil Office within this Province.

XII. *AND be it further Enacted*, That the said Commissary shall always close the Muster-Roll of each Company upon the Place where, and the Day when, the Muster thereof shall be taken, and the two eldest Officers of such Company (who are hereby required to be present, unless the Duty of their Station obliges them to the contrary), if so many shall be present, shall, with the said Commissary, subscribe the said Muster-Rolls; and if the said Commissary, or any such Officer as aforesaid, shall sign a false or untrue Muster-Roll or Rolls, they, and each of them, shall, for every such Offence, upon Proof made thereof by two Witnesses, forfeit