

inreverently at any place of divine worship, shall if Commisined Officers, be brought before a Court Martial, there to be publicly and severely reprimanded by the President; if non-Commisined Officers or Soldiers, every person so offending, shall for his first Offence, forfeit one sixth of a Dollar to be deducted out of his next pay; for the second Offence he shall not only forfeit a like sum, but be confined for twenty four hours; and for every like Offence shall suffer and pay in like manner which money so forfeited shall be applied to the sick Soldiers of the Troop or Company to which the Offender belongs.

Art. 3. Whatsoever non commisined Officer, or Soldier shall use any profane oath or execration, shall incur the penalties expressed in the second Article; and if a non-Commisined Officer be thus guilty of profane cursing or swearing, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every such Offence, the sum of four Shillings lawful money.

Art. 4. Any Officer or Soldier who shall behave himself with contempt or disrespect towards the General or Generals, or Commanders in Chief of the Continental Forces, or shall speak false words tending to his, or their hurt, or dishonour, shall be punished according to the nature of his Offence, by the judgment of a general Court Martial.

Art. 5. Any Officer or Soldier who shall begin, excite, cause or join in any Mutiny or sedition, in the Regiment, Troop or Company to which he belongs, or in any other Regiment, Troop or Company of the Continental Forces, either by land or sea, or in any party, post, detachment or guard, on any pretence whatsoever, shall suffer such punishment as by a general Court Martial shall be ordered.

Art. 6. Any Officer, non commisined Officer or Soldier, who being present at any mutiny or sedition, does not use his utmost endeavours to suppress the same, or coming to the knowledge of any mutiny, or intended mutiny, does not, without delay, give information thereof, to the commanding Officer, shall be punished by order of a general Court Martial according to the nature of his Offence.

Art. 7. Any Officer or Soldier who shall strike his superior Officer, or draw or offer to draw or shall lift up any weapon, or offer any violence against him, being in the execution of his Office, on any pretence whatsoever, or shall disobey any lawful Commands of his superior Officer, shall suffer such punishment, as shall according to the nature of his Offence, be ordered by the sentence of a general Court Martial.

Art. 8. Any non-Commisined Officer or Soldier who shall desert, or without leave of his Commanding Officer absent himself from the Troop or Company to which he belongs, or from any detachment of the same, shall upon being convicted thereof be punished according to the nature of his Offence, at the discretion of a general Court Martial.

Art. 9. Whatsoever Officer or Soldier shall be convicted of having advised or persuaded any other Officer or Soldier to desert shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general Court Martial.

Art. 10. All Officers of what condition soever, shall have power to part and quell all quarrels, fays and disorders, though the persons concerned should belong to another Regiment, Troop, or Company; And either order Officers to be arrested, or non-Commisined Officers or Soldiers to be confined or imprisoned till their proper superior Officers shall be acquainted therewith; and who ever shall refuse to obey such Officer though of an inferior rank, or shall draw his sword upon him, shall be punished at the discretion of a general Court Martial.