

whereof Ten days
notice to be given.

Company, that the Company under his orders, whether the same be an Independent or Regimental Company or Troop of Horse, shall meet at some convenient place within his district, and as near the centre thereof as conveniently may be, to be then and there mustered and exercised, whereof notice shall be given to the person or left at his place of abode, at least Ten days before the day of Muster.

Independent Companies to consist of Fifty men.

Commanding officer of Independent Companies to give to the Colonel a copy of his Muster-Roll.

In case of alarm to be, in the absence of the Capt. General, under the command of the Colonel.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That no unregimented or Independent Company or Troop of Horse, shall consist of more than Fifty men, including non-commissioned Officers; and that every Captain or Officer commanding such Company, shall when thereunto requested, deliver a copy of his Muster-Roll to the Colonel or commanding Officer of the Regiment or Battalion of the County where such unregimented or Independent Company or Troop of Horse may be; and in case of a general alarm or Invasion, all such unregimented or Independent Companies or Troops of Horse shall in the absence of the Captain-General or Commander in Chief, be under the immediate command and direction of the Colonel, and in his absence the next commanding Officer of such Regiment or Battalion.

Persons enrolled to provide themselves with Arms, &c.

and appear once a year to be mustered &c.

Penalty for neglect,

how recovered and applied.

V. *And be it enacted,* That every person enrolled as aforesaid, shall provide himself with a good and sufficient Musket or Fuzee, Bayonet, Cartouch-box, one pound of Gun-powder and two pounds of sizeable Bullets, and being so provided shall, if required, once in every year, and not oftener, appear at the time and place appointed as aforesaid, to be mustered and exercised; and on failure thereof, shall forfeit and pay a Fine of *Ten shillings*, to be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods, by the Captain's or commanding Officer's warrant, directed to a Serjeant or Corporal of the Company to which such person so offending belongs, who are respectively empowered to serve and execute the same, rendering the overplus, if any, after deducting the costs and charges of such distress and sale, to the offender; such Fine to be applied to defray the charges of purchasing Drums, Fifes and Colours, for the use of the said Company.

Person enrolled & appearing, who shall refuse or neglect to perform their duty, or shall depart without leave,

to forfeit 20s. to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

Persons exempted from being enrolled.

VI. *And be it enacted,* That every person enrolled as aforesaid, and appearing under Arms, who shall refuse or neglect to perform such Military duty as shall be required of him, or shall on the day of Muster depart from the Company when under Arms, without leave from the commanding Officer, shall forfeit and pay a Fine of *Twenty shillings*, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid. ALWAYS PROVIDED, that the Members of His Majesty's Council, Members of the Assembly, Justices of the Peace, High Sheriffs, Coroners, and all persons who have held any Commission, Civil or Military, under His Majesty, Ministers of the Gospel, Physicians, Surgeons, Schoolmasters, one Miller to a Grist Mill, and one Ferryman to every public Ferry, shall be free from being enrolled in the Militia.