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of his parent, or some other credible witness, to be taken by the officer before whom the dispute shall happen to be, who shall administer the same in the words following. "I

"do swear, upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that
 "summoned before Captain in order
 "to be enlisted, is years old, and no more according
 "to the best of my knowledge. So help me God." Which oath being duly administered by the Captain or other officer, who hath summoned such person before him in order to be enlisted, and it appearing that he is under sixteen, he shall be for that time dismissed; and if any dispute shall arise about older persons, and it shall appear that he or they are above the age of fifty, such persons shall be exempted at all times thereafter.

Captains shall provide drums, fifes, &c. to be paid for out of the fines, under penalty of two pounds, and for every month they remain unprovided one pound.

II. *And be it enacted*, That all Captains of independent or regimented Companies, shall provide for their companies, drums, fifes, colours and banners, and drummers and fifers, to be paid for out of the fines and forfeitures to be incurred by this act, under the penalty of *two pounds*, and for every month such Captain shall remain unprovided thereof, the sum of *one pound*.

Commanding officers of regiments; and unregimented companies shall once a year issue warrants to inferior officers to search in their districts, that all persons be duly listed, armed, &c. and return the names of defaulters.

III. *Be it further enacted*, That the Colonels, or commanding officers of all regiments or battalions, or unregimented companies within this province, shall at least once in every year, issue out their warrants to their inferior officers, commanding him or them to make diligent search and inquiry in their several districts, that all persons be duly listed, armed, and equipped; and to return to them the names of such defaulter, as he or they shall find, to the end they may be punished according to this act.

Once a year if the Commander in Chief gives orders, the commanding officers of regiments shall command the several companies to meet at such convenient place as they shall appoint to be mustered & exercised.

IV. *And be it also enacted*, That once in every year, if the Captain-General or Commander in Chief shall give orders therefor, command shall be given by the Colonels, and in his absence by the next commanding officer of the respective regiments or battalions, that the several companies in each regiment or battalion shall meet at the most convenient place therein to be appointed by the respective officer commanding the regiment or battalion, to be then and there mustered and exercised; and the several independent companies in this province shall meet twice in every year, at the most convenient place, to be appointed by the respective officers commanding them to be mustered and exercised; and once in every year and not oftener,

Independent companies shall meet twice a year to be mustered and exercised.

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