

or others, to misbehave before the Enemy, or shamefully to abandon or deliver up any garrison, fortrefs, post, or guard, committed to their respective charge, or which he or they shall be commanded to defend; shall suffer such punishment as by a General Court Martial shall be awarded.

SECTION 15.—RANK.

ARTICLE I.

All officers of embodied militia on actual service, shall take rank according to the dates of their respective commissions; and when serving in conjunction with any other officers of the regular army, the militia officers shall take rank with such regular officers, as the youngest of their equal degree.

Officers' rank regulated.

SECTION 16.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

ARTICLE I.

All officers holding commissions in the militia, and doing duty in any of the battalions of militia, whether the same be embodied on actual service, or otherwise, may, if ordered by the Commander in Chief for the time being, sit as a Member or Members of a General Court Martial; and the Officers composing such Courts Martial, shall take their ranks according to the dates of their respective commissions.

General Courts Martial—how formed.

ARTICLE II.

All the Members of a Court Martial are to behave with decency; and in giving their votes are to begin with the youngest.

Decency to be observed in Courts, and the youngest to give his vote first.

ARTICLE III.

No Field Officer shall be tried by any person under the degree of a Captain; nor shall any proceedings or trials be carried

Rules to be observed in the trial of Field Officers.