No. 135.]

BILL.

[1899.

An Act in further amendment of the Militia Act.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Consederate Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :--

1. Subsection 1 of section 4 of The Militia Act, chapter 41 R.S.C., c. 41, 5 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby repealed, and the following s. 4 amended. is substituted therefor:-

"4. There shall be a Minister of Militia and Defence who Minister of shall be charged with, and be responsible for, the administra- Militia and Defence: his tion of Militia affairs, including all matters involving military duties

10 command, discipline and expenditure, and of the fortifications, gunboats, ordnance, ammunition, arms, armories, stores, munitions and habiliments of war belonging to Canada."

2. The section substituted for section 37 of the said Act by New section chapter 19 of the statutes of 1898, is hereby repealed, and the 37.

15 following is substituted therefor:—

"37. There shall be appointed an officer who holds the Qualification rank of Lieutenant-Colonel or rank superior thereto in Her and appointment of Majesty's regular army, or the Militia of Canada, who shall commanding be charged, under the orders of Her Majesty, with the military officer. 20 command and discipline of the Militia, who shall at all times

be subject to, and under the orders of, the Minister of Militia and Defence in matters of military command and discipline, and other matters connected with the Militia of Canada, and who, while he holds such appointment, shall have the rank of Major Rank and 25 General in the Militia, and shall be paid a salary at the rate pay.

of four thousand dollars per annum, and in addition thereto, in lieu of allowances, such sum, not exceeding two thousand dollars per annum, as is determined by the Governor in Council.