

Penalty for selling and destroying arms out of his Majesty's stores, or for buying and destroying the same—mode of conviction—

When the Justices may discharge the offender.

Punishment when embodied for service for using traitorous or disrespectful words against his Majesty, or any disrespectful words against the Royal Family.

Punishment when on duty for behaving with disrespect to the Gov. &c. or speaking words tending to his hurt or dishonor.

Death, or such other punishment as a general court martial shall award for beginning, exciting, causing or joining in any mutiny or sedition on any pretence whatsoever.

Punishment for being present at any mutiny or sedition

XVII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every person who shall sell or barter any part of the arms or equipments which may be delivered to him out of his Majesty's stores, or who shall destroy the same, and every person who shall knowingly buy, or by barter obtain, or who shall destroy such arms or equipments, shall severally and respectively forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten pounds for every offence on conviction thereof, by the oath of any one credible witness before any Court Martial, or before one or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and in case the person or persons so selling any part of his or their arms or equipments as aforesaid, or the person or persons obtaining the same in manner aforesaid, being thereof convicted as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to pay the amount of such fine, it shall and may be lawful for the said Court, Justice, or Justices, by a warrant under their hands and seals, to commit such person or persons to the gaol of the County or District where the offence shall be committed, for any space of time not exceeding two months. Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Court, Justice or Justices, to discharge the person or persons so offending any time before the expiration of the said two months, when the person or persons so convicted as aforesaid, shall tender to the said Justice or Justices the penalty inflicted by this Act.*

XVIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That at all times when the Militia may be called out and embodied for actual service, the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and private Men of the several Regiments, Battalions or Companies of Militia, from the time of their being drawn out and embodied as aforesaid, and until they shall return to their respective Towns, Townships, Parishes, or places of abode, remain under the command of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the government, or other Officers having the command of them, and shall be liable to punishment for mutiny and desertion as hereinafter mentioned, that is to say—That every Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Militia-man, who shall presume to use traitorous or disrespectful words against his Majesty's Royal Person, or disrespectful words against any of the Royal Family, if a Commissioned Officer shall upon conviction thereof before a General Court Martial, as herein after is directed to be established, be cashiered; if a Non-commissioned Officer or Private, he shall suffer such punishment as by the sentence of any Court Martial shall be awarded, not extending to loss of life, limb, or whipping.*

XX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Militia-man, when on Militia duty, shall behave himself with contempt or disrespect towards the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the government for the time being, or shall speak words tending to their hurt or dishonor, shall be punished according to the nature of his offence; if an Officer, by the judgment of a General Court Martial, and if a Non-commissioned Officer or Private, by the judgment of any Court Martial.*

XX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Militia-man, who shall begin, excite, cause, or join in any mutiny or sedition in the Regiment, Detachment, Troop, or Company to which he belongs, or in any other Regiment, Detachment, Troop, or Company, whether of embodied Militia, or of his Majesty's regular or Provincial Forces, in any Camp or Post, or upon any Party, Detachment, or Guard, on any pretence whatsoever, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as by a General Court Martial shall be awarded.*

XXI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Militia-man, being present at any mutiny or sedition, shall not use his utmost endeavours to suppress the same, or coming to the knowledge of any mutiny or*