

the support and defence thereof; and that the inhabitants should be well armed, and properly trained up in the Art Military, as well for the honor and service of His most sacred Majesty, and the security of this his Island, against any hostile attack or invasion whatsoever, as for the preservation of their own lives and fortunes; and that every person may know his duty herein, and be obliged to perform the same:

Persons liable to serve in the Militia.

This clause altered by 3 W. 4, c. 30, s. 7.

I. Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after one month next from the publication hereof, all male persons, planters and inhabitants, and their servants, between the ages of sixteen and sixty, residing in, and belonging to this Island, shall bear Arms, and duly attend all musters and military exercises of the respective companies in which they shall or may be enrolled or belong.

Persons enrolled in a Company, to do duty therein until orderly dismissed. In case of removal into another precinct, to produce certificate.

III. That every person enrolled in any company, shall so continue and attend all duty therein, or suffer the penalty by law provided, until orderly dismissed, or removed out of the town or precinct of such company; and in case of removal into the precinct of another company, to produce a certificate under the hand of the captain, or chief officer of the precinct whereunto he is removed, that he is enrolled there.

Persons liable, who attempt to evade service, to be fined 10s.

Mode of recovery.

IV. If any person, liable to be enrolled as aforesaid, do attempt to exempt himself from such service, by shifting from house to house, or place to place, with intent to avoid his being so enrolled, he shall pay, as a fine for every such offence, to the use of the company to which he properly belongs, ten shillings, on being thereof convicted before any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this Island.

Officers of companies to punish disorders, by commitment or fine.

VII. That the commissioned Officers of any company, or the major part of them, may order the correcting and punishing disorders and contempt committed while on duty; the said punishment not being greater than commitment for a time not exceeding forty-eight hours, or the payment of five shillings as a fine.

Military Watches may be appointed by the Governor, &c. All persons of age to attend the same, on penalty of 5s.

VIII. That there be military watches appointed and kept at such times, in such places, in such numbers and under such regulations, as the Governor or Commander-in-Chief of this Island for the time being shall appoint; and that all persons able of body, and who are of age, shall themselves, or by some proper person in their stead, to the satisfaction of the Commanding Officer of the watch, attend the same, on penalty of forfeiting five shillings for each neglect, there having been due warning previously given.

Officers empowered to appoint and displace

XII. That the Captain and commissioned officers of each company shall, and they are hereby fully empowered to nomi-