

55. When any man shall complain to his captain, or the senior officer of his company, that, by reason of sickness or infirmity, he is unable to perform militia duty, the captain or senior officer shall refer the case to the surgeon of the regiment, or, in his absence, to any other physician or surgeon, who shall thereupon examine him as to such sickness or infirmity, and shall, upon receiving from him the fee of fifty cents, give him a certificate of the nature and extent of such sickness or infirmity; and if the Board, or officers to be appointed by the colonel for that purpose, shall report that the man is unable to perform his duty, the colonel shall exempt him therefrom, until his disability shall cease, (*such Board shall meet on or before the first day of training, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Commanding Officer of the regiment from appointing subsequent Boards to consider other cases, of sickness or appeals from fines.*)

56. Persons permanently disabled by accident, deformity, or confirmed chronic disorder, shall be entitled to standing certificates of exemption, which shall certify the nature and extent of such sickness or infirmity.

57. Sick certificates shall only be valid when signed by regularly qualified medical practitioners; and any person not being so qualified by law to practice who shall sign a certificate for militia exemption, or any practitioner who shall knowingly give a false certificate, shall be liable to a fine of twenty dollars, to be sued for by the commanding officer of the regiment.

58. Any medical man refusing a certificate under the preceding sections, after having been paid or tendered the fee of fifty cents, shall be liable to a fine of eight dollars.

59. The following persons shall be exempt from attending all musters, unless they hold commissions, namely: the members of executive and legislative council and the members of the house of assembly, the clerks of the executive and legislative councils and house of assembly, and the mayor of the city of Halifax; the judges of the supreme court and the court of vice admiralty; clergymen; registrars of deeds, sheriffs, the heads of the several public departments and clerks in their offices; lighthouse keepers; the principal and professors of the Normal school; officers of the customs; officers of the colonial revenue; all clerks, storekeepers, mechanics, laborers and others employed in the civil and military departments of the army and navy; ferrymen and toll-bridge officers; the persons regularly employed in the managing, working, and upholding the railway; telegraph operators; postmasters, and all mail carriers; engine men, axe men, and all FIRE WARDENS and members of the Union Protection Company; jailers, keepers of prisons and cemeteries, and persons employed in the lunatic asylum, Quakers certified by their societies, and all professors of colleges, teachers of academies, and licensed schoolmasters actually employed as such; all foreign consuls being aliens; (*one miller to each mill.*)