

Commissions by whom granted.

Sec. 43. All Commissions of Officers in the Provincial Militia shall be granted by the Commander in Chief and during pleasure.

Non-Commissioned Officers.

Sec. 44. All non-Commissioned Officers in the Provincial Militia, shall be appointed by the Officer commanding the Battalion to which they belong, except in Volunteer Companies where they shall be appointed by the Captain thereof, and shall hold their rank during pleasure.

Officers must be H. M's. subjects.

Sec. 45. No person shall be an Officer of Militia unless he be one of Her Majesty's subjects by birth or uaturalization, and shall have taken the oath of allegiance.

Existing Commissions to remain untill cancelled.

Sec. 46. Existing Commissions in the Provincial Militia and appointments of non-Commissioned Officers, shall remain in force, such Commissions being subject to be cancelled by the Commander in Chief, and such appointments by the Officer Commanding the Battalion: but no person shall be bound to serve in the Provincial Militia in a lower grade than he has once held, unless he shall have resigned his commission or be reduced by sentence or order of some lawful Court or authority, nor shall any person who has been a non-commissioned Officer in Her Majesty's Army, be bound to serve in the Militia in a lower grade than he has held in the Army, unless he have been reduced as aforesaid.