

six months or as often as ordered. Drill once every three months. Fine of 5 shillings for non-attendance and of £5 to each Captain who fails to order parades as above.

5. Enforces discipline on parade. Penalty 5 shillings or 48 hours jail.

6. Guards (or "watches" as they are called) to be ordered from time to time. Penalty for non-attendance 10 shillings.

Other clauses fix the exemptions, appointments of N. C. O's, further fines, how alarms will be given, etc. All fines collected were to be expended for drums, halberts, colours and other regimental necessities. The Act ends with the following:—

"And it is hereby humbly requested of his Excellency the "Captain General, by the Assembly, and it is enacted, that "whilst there is a sufficient number of regular troops within the "Town of Halifax, for the defence, the Militia of the Town "shall be spared from watching and warding without the "Picketed Lines of the Town."

At the session of the House begun on 1st July, 1761, an additional Act was put through. Its chief object was (1) to make imperative the service of non-commissioned officers, as such, when duly appointed, and imposing a fine of 40 shillings for refusal to act. (2) Any N. C. O. drunk or disorderly when on duty shall pay 10 shillings or be committed for 48 hours at hard labour.

This Act also amended the former one in increasing the period for annual drill and exercise to eight days instead of four.

Another Act passed at same session deals with the militia when on actual service in the time of war. Any insolence or neglect of duty is punishable with a fine of 40 shillings, or in default of payment with riding the wooden horse for not less than half an hour, or 10 days labour. Courts Martial are pro-