

attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his person, Crown or dignity, and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors all Treasons and traitorous conspiracies and attempts which I shall know to be against him or them, so help me God.

LVI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of this Province from time to time, and as often as he shall think it expedient, to order and direct that the non-commissioned officers and privates of any and every regiment, Battalion, company or body of militia in this Province shall be called upon to take and subscribe the said oath, and that upon receiving any orders for that purpose it shall and may be lawful for the commanding officer of any such regiment, Battalion, company or body of Militia, and he is hereby required to call upon every non-commissioned officer or private of his regiment, Battalion, company or body to take & subscribe the said oath before one or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District to which such regiment, Battalion, company or body of militia shall belong, and if any officer non-commissioned officer or private shall refuse or neglect (having been required to do so) to take and subscribe the said oath in manner hereby directed; upon conviction before one or more of His Majesty's Justices of the peace every such person or persons, shall be deemed and taken to be an alien enemy, and shall be liable and subject to any Law or Laws now in force or hereafter to be made respecting or against alien enemies.

LVII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every person, other than a Quaker, Menonist, or Tunker, who may be exempted or excused from performing militia duty as a private militiaman, or for any cause whatsoever, shall on or before the first day of May next, or if such exemption or excuse should happen after that time, then within ten days after such exemption, give in his name and place of residence to the treasurer of the District in which he shall reside, and pay to such treasurer to and for the public uses of this Province, in time of war or insurrection, or when any part of the militia of that District shall be called out on actual service, the sum of ten pounds, and in default of returning his name or place of residence as aforesaid, or in default of such payment, it shall and may be lawful on information or on complaint on oath made by the said treasurer before any Justice of the Peace of such District, for the said Justice to issue his warrant under his hand and Seal directed to the Sheriff of the District to levy the same by Distress and sale of the offenders goods and chattels, returning so much of the said Distress as shall exceed the sum of ten pounds, deducting therefrom the charges and all other incidental expences of such distress and sale, as well as the expences of summoning such offender before such Justice to answer the said information and complaint, and the said sum so levied by the said Sheriff shall be by him within the space of two calendar months paid into the hands of the receiver general, to be applied to and for the Public uses of this Province, and for want of such Distress the Justice before whom such person shall have been convicted shall commit him to the common Goal of the district until he shall pay and satisfy such sum, together with the reasonable charges incident to such conviction, provided such imprisonment shall not exceed two calendar months, provided always, that when any person as last aforesaid shall make it appear to the commanding officer of his regiment that he is unable to pay the aforesaid sum of ten pounds or any part thereof, it shall and may be lawful for such commanding officer to remit the payment of the said sum of ten pounds or any part according to the circumstances and nature of the case, and to give a certificate thereof to the person making application as aforesaid.

LVIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, or officer commanding any regiment or battalion of militia, and he is hereby required to order the whole of such regiment or battalion to be formed into divisions or squads of fourteen men each, and to select by ballot from each and every division or squad as aforesaid, one able bodied man for militia duty for a term not less than twelve months; Provided always, that if any of the said divisions or squads as aforesaid shall voluntarily furnish an able bodied man, who shall be accepted and approved of for the purpose and term of service as aforesaid, then and in such case the ballot shall not take place in such division or squad.

LVIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said militia men so furnished or balloted as aforesaid shall and may be formed into regiments, battalions or companies, as the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government shall deem most expedient.

LX *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whenever any such division or squad as aforesaid shall furnish an able bodied man for militia duty for one or more years, and who shall be accepted and approved of for that purpose, then and in such case the militia men composing such division or squad shall be exempted from being balloted for militia duty during the time such militia man as aforesaid shall so serve, unless the whole of the regiment or battalion as aforesaid to which such division or squad shall belong, shall be called out into actual service. Provided always, that such division or squad so furnishing a volunteer as aforesaid, shall not be liable to pay any sum of money for such exemption as aforesaid.

LXI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That each and every Sheriff in the several districts of