

Anno Viceſſimo Regis GEORGII III.

1780.

At the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of His Majesty's ISLAND of ST. JOHN, begun and holden at CHARLOTTE-TOWN, on the Eighth Day of October, ANNO DOMINI, one thousand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-nine, and in the nineteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE and IRELAND, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. and thence continued by Prorogation until the Third day of July, One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty, and in the Twentieth Year of His ſaid Majesty's Reign; being the third Seſſion of the third General Aſſembly, convened in the ſaid Iſland.

WALTER PATTERSON,  
Governor.

THOMAS DESBRISAY,  
President of Council.

WALTER BERRY,  
Speaker.

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AN ACT for the eſtabliſhing and regulating a MILITIA.

**W**HEREAS the Security and Preservation of this Iſland at all Times, and eſpecially during the Continuance of the preſent War and unhappy Rebellion, greatly depends upon a Militia being eſtabliſhed and embodied, as ſoon as poſſible, under ſuch Regulations as may make the ſame moſt uſeful for 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 Maſteſty, 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;

Preamble.

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,*

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From one Month after Publication, all male Subjects between 16 and 60, to bear arms and attend military