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AN ORDINANCE

For better regulating the MILITIA of this province, and rendering it of more general utility towards the preservation and security thereof.

Preamble.



HEREAS the security of the state is the first principle in every well regulated government, Be it enacted and ordained by his excellency the governor and the legislative council of this province, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted and ordained,

ARTICLE I.

All persons from the age of 16 years to 60, declared to be militia-men.

That all persons resident within this province, as well in the towns as in the country, from the age of sixteen years to sixty, are hereby declared to be militia-men, and bound to serve in the militia of the parish or township, or seigniorie wherein they reside; and from and after the day of the publication of this ordinance, every person (excepting such as are herein after excepted) refusing to serve, or neglecting, for the space of one calendar month, to get himself inrolled by the captains of militia, who are or hereafter shall be appointed by his excellency the captain-general or commander in chief for the time being, within the different parishes, or townships or seigniories, shall forfeit the sum of five pounds; and for every subsequent refusal he shall forfeit the like sum of five pounds, and suffer one month's imprisonment.

ARTICLE