

XV. No Officer of Militia or Volunteers shall assume command of forces composed of Imperial and Militia Troops, without the order or consent of the General or other Officer in command of the Imperial Troops.

Command of Imperial and Militia Troops.

XVI. The Executive command, in time of war, of the Militia and Volunteers, is hereby vested in the Officer commanding Her Majesty's Imperial Forces in this Island.

Command of Militia & Volunteers in time of war.

XVII. Provided always, that all such Officers of Volunteer force appointed before the passing of this Act shall take rank and precedence in the Militia, according to the date to their commissions as Volunteer Officers.

Rank and Precedence of Volunteer officer.

XVIII. The Commander-in-Chief shall, within such time after the passing of this Act as he shall deem fit, appoint a Board of three competent Officers to examine all Officers whose commissions are hereby continued; and may transfer any Officer failing to pass such examination, to the Sedentary Force, or place him on on a retired list, with or without a step of honorary rank.

Board of Examiners.

XIX. After the passing of this Act, no Officer shall be appointed to, nor promoted to, the active Force, until he shall have passed an examination as to his efficiency, before a Board of three Officers, consisting of a President and two other Officers, to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Officers how appointed and promoted.

XX. Provided that the Commander-in-Chief may establish Schools for military instruction, and direct that a certificate from the commandant of such Schools shall be substituted for a certificate of such Boards of Examination.

Schools of Military Instruction, &c.

XXI. Promotion shall go by seniority, but if the senior shall not be able to qualify, the step to be given to the next in seniority, who is able to obtain a certificate of such Commandant or Board; and the Officer unable to qualify shall be placed on the retired list. Provided that the Commander-in-Chief may promote any Officer or marked capacity, and, in cases of emergency, may dispense with examination.

Promotions how regulated.

XXII. The Commander-in-Chief shall have full power to appoint a staff of commissioned and non commissioned Officers of the active Militia, with such Rank, as he shall, from time to time, think requisite or necessary for the efficiency of the Militia Service; and any such Staff Officers shall have such Rank and authority in the Militia, as are held, relatively, in Her Majesty's service.

A staff of commissioned and non-commissioned officers.