



BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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No. 15.

An Ordinance to establish a Volunteer Force.

[9th March, 1869.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to encourage the establishment of Preamble.
Volunteer Forces in the Colony of British Columbia;

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

I. The Governor shall, by virtue of his office, be Commander-in-Chief of the Volunteer Force of the Colony. Governor to be Commander-in-Chief.

II. It shall be lawful for the Governor, on behalf of Her Majesty, from time to time to accept the services of any persons desiring to be formed under this Ordinance into a Volunteer Corps, and on such acceptance, the proposed Corps shall be deemed lawfully formed under this Ordinance, as a Corps of the Colony; and all Volunteer Corps may be disbanded from time to time, and reorganized by authority of the Commander-in-Chief, as may in his opinion best tend to further the purposes of this Ordinance and the public good. Volunteer Corps how formed.

III. All arms shall be supplied by the said Colony to the non-commissioned officers and privates of the Volunteer Force, and for these the Commanding Officer of the Corps shall be responsible; and said arms shall be renewed and kept in repair at the expense of the Colony, when it becomes necessary on account of wear in service. Sufficient ammunition also shall be supplied for practice at the expense of the Colony, as the Commander-in-Chief may direct. Arms.

IV. Every Volunteer Corps shall be officered by persons commissioned by the Governor of the Colony, on behalf of Her Majesty, and a Commission so granted shall not be deemed vacated by the revocation or other determination of the Commission by which such Governor was appointed; and Officers of the Volunteer Force shall rank with Officers of Her Majesty's Regular and Militia Forces, as the youngest of their respective ranks. How officered.

V. The establishment of each Corps formed under this Ordinance, and the general regulations for its management, shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Volunteer Force of Great Britain, as from time to time officially published, and obtainable in Colony. Regulations.

VI. No person shall be an Officer of the Force unless he is one of Her Majesty's subjects. Officers, British Subjects.

VII. Every