

shall apprehend and deliver up any Deserter therefrom, shall be entitled to a reward of £.5. upon producing a certificate of such apprehension & delivery.

by whom certificate to be signed and what it shall state.

How if no Military post within the District in which Deserter shall be apprehended.

Majesty's Regular Forces in this Province, who shall apprehend any Deester or Deserters from such Regular Forces, and deliver up such Deserter or Deserters to any Officer commanding any military post in this Province, shall for each and every such Deserter or Deserters, so apprehended and delivered up, be entitled to, and shall receive in the manner hereinafter directed, a reward of Five Pounds, current money of this Province, upon producing a certificate of such apprehension and delivery, specifying the name or names of such Deserter or Deserters, and to what regiment or corps he or they belong, as may appear by confession or otherwise, signed by the officer so commanding, and by any Justice of the Peace for the district before whom such Deserter or Deserters shall be brought, which certificate such Officer and Justice of the Peace are hereby authorized and required to grant; Provided nevertheless, That when any Deserter or Deserters shall be so apprehended in any district of this Province, in which there may be no military post at the time, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace before whom any Deserter or Deserters may be brought, and he is hereby required to commit by warrant under his hand and seal, every such Deserter or Deserters, to the common Gaol of the District wherein he or they may be apprehended, to be therein kept in safe custody, until demanded by and delivered up to any officer or detachment of his Majesty's Forces demanding such Deserter or Deserters, then, and in that case, the certificate of such Justice of the Peace, countersigned by the Keeper of such Gaol, acknowledging the receipt of such Deserter or Deserters, into his custody, shall be deemed sufficient.

Persons having apprehended deserters may command assistance for their safe keeping &c.

Allowance to persons so employed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any person or persons who may have apprehended any Deserter or Deserters, may require further assistance for the safe keeping and conveying such Deserter or Deserters to the nearest military post or common goal, such person or persons shall have authority to call upon as many of the inhabitants (not being Quakers, Menonists or Tunkers) as may be required for that purpose, and no more. And each and every person so employed, shall be entitled to receive and demand six-pence per mile for every mile he shall go and return upon such service, to be ascertained if required, by the oath of such person, and the said sum of six-pence per mile, shall be paid under the like certificate, as the aforesaid reward of five pounds is herein directed to be paid.

III.