

Barracks, provided under Barrack Regulations or Regimental necessaries, or any article of Forage provided for any Horses belonging to Her Majesty's Service, or shall change the colour of any Clothes as aforesaid, shall forfeit, for every such offence any sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Five Pounds, together with treble value of all or any of the several Articles of which such offender shall so become possessed; and it is in the said recited Act provided, that it shall be lawful for the Legislatures of each or any of Her Majesty's Colonies, on the recommendation of the Officer for the time being administering the Government of any such Colony, but not otherwise, to make provision by Law for reducing such pecuniary Penalty, if not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Five Pounds, to such amount as may to any such Legislature appear to be better adapted to the ability and pecuniary means of Her Majesty's Subjects, and others inhabiting the same: and whereas the lesser amount of the said Penalty is deemed too high, comparatively with the ability and pecuniary means of the people of this Colony, and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Island has recommended that the same be lowered: Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing hereof, it shall be lawful for the Magistrates before whom any person shall or may be convicted for any offence against the provisions as herein-before set forth of the said recited Act, to fine each and every person so convicted, any sum less than the said Penalty of Five Pounds, but not less than Five Shillings; and that it shall not be lawful for any Magistrate or Magistrates to fine any person, although convicted for any such offence as aforesaid, any greater sum than a Penalty of Five Pounds, over and above the treble value of any such Clothes—any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

In Prosecutions under Mutiny Act, Magistrates may mitigate the Penalty imposed by that Act, on persons purchasing Soldiers' necessaries, &c. to any sum less than £5, but not less than 5s.