

passed after much debate in the lower house. Chap. XIV.
 The governor was authorized by it to embody 1812.
 two thousand bachelors between the age of
 eighteen and twenty-five for three months in
 the year; and in case of invasion or imminent
 danger thereof, to retain them for one year,
 relieving one half of the number embodied, by
 fresh drafts at the expiration of that period. In
 the event of war, invasion, insurrection, or
 imminent danger thereof, he was empowered
 to embody the whole militia of the province,
 should it become necessary. No substitutes
 were to be allowed, nor were commissioned
 officers permitted to take any militiamen as
 servants, under a penalty of ten pounds for
 every offence of that nature. These provisions
 were however winked at in actual service. It
 was made penal to enlist any militiaman into the
 regular forces, and such enlistment was de-
 clared null. Twelve thousand pounds were
 granted by the legislature, one moiety for
 drilling and training the local militia, the other
 for other purposes of the militia act. Twenty
 thousand pounds were granted, to be employed
 for such services as the safety of the province
 and the exigence of the times might require, and
 the further sum of thirty thousand pounds cur-
 rency, to be at the Governor's disposition in
 case of war between Great Britain and Ame-
 rica. These liberal supplies enabled the govern-
 ment to contemplate the approaching contest
 with confidence in the patriotism and support
 of the provincial legislature, and of the whole