

Ranks of the militia officers with officers of His Majesty's forces.

directions hereinafter mentioned, and the officers so appointed for the militia, shall rank with the officers of such of his Majesty's forces, as may for the time being, serve within this Province, as youngest of their respective rank, which said officers respectively, shall within six months after their several appointments, take the oath of allegiance to his present Majesty, his heirs and successors, before the Magistrates assembled in quarter sessions, within the district to which such officers respectively belong.

Limits to be specified to each captain from within which his company is to be enrolled.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the colonel or officer commanding any regiment or battalion of militia, and he is hereby required, to specify to each captain of a company of his regiment or battalion, the limits from within which the militia men of such captains company shall be enrolled.

Age of persons who shall be enrolled in the militia.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every male inhabitant from sixteen years of age to sixty, shall be deemed capable of bearing arms, and shall enroll his name as a militia man on the first training day on which the said companies shall be drawn out, in the division or limit in which his place of abode may be, and shall at such meeting give in his name, his age, and place of residence, and if he has thereto but lately removed, he shall make the same known, together with the place from whence he removed, and each and every such inhabitant, who shall not attend and give in his name to the captain or officer commanding the company for such division or limit, so that his name may be enrolled as a militia man, shall for such neglect forfeit and pay the sum of ten shillings, to be recovered & applied in manner hereinafter mentioned. Provided nevertheless that no inhabitant shall be convicted of the offence herein described, unless it is proved at the time of trial, that the said inhabitant had been notified, either personally, or by leaving a verbal notice at his usual place of abode, of the time of meeting, at least six days previous thereto. Provided always, that no person above the age of fifty years, shall be called upon to bear arms, except on the day of annual meeting, or in time of war or emergency.

Manner of enrollment.

Penalty for neglecting to be enrolled.

Notice.

Exception as to persons above the age of fifty.

Absence at the time of enrollment, not to prevent the name of any person from being enrolled.

Age of a militia man how to be proved.

Militia to be called out on the 4th of June, or oftener if required, to be reviewed and exercised.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the neglect of any person so to present himself for enrollment and exercise, shall not be construed to prevent the captain or officer commanding the company of militia of the limits wherein the place of residence of any such person may be, from entering the name of such person, and such captain or officer commanding such company as aforesaid, is hereby required to enter the name of every such person, as shall come to his knowledge, upon the enrollment of his company, and when so entered, every such person shall be subject to perform all any every the like militia duties, and under the same penalties, as if he had personally presented himself for enrollment. Provided also, that if any difference shall arise between any captain or officer and any militia man, touching the age of such militia man, it shall be incumbent on the said militia man to prove his age.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the colonel or officer commanding each regiment or battalion, shall on the fourth day of June in each and every year respectively, or in case it shall happen on a Sunday, then on the next day, and oftener, if he thinks it necessary, call out the militia of such regiment or battalion, to be reviewed and exercised, and in his absence from the county, or in case of his removal or death, the said militia shall be called