

command shall be given by the Captain, and in his absence by the next commanding officer of the respective companies in each regiment or battalion in this province, that the company under his command shall meet at some place within his district, to be appointed by the said officer to be then and there mustered and exercised.

Once a year every Captain shall have his company mustered & exercised.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of a general alarm or invasion, all unregimented or independent companies shall in the absence of the Captain-General or Commander in Chief, be under the immediate command and direction of the Colonel, and in his absence the next commanding officer of the regiment or battalion of the city, county, town, or district, where such unregimented or independent companies may be.

In case of a general alarm independent companies shall in the absence of the Commander in chief, be under the command of the commanding officer of the regiment in the place where they may be.

VI. *And be it enacted*, That the independent companies in this province are to consist, each, of fifty men, besides officers, and if the Colonel or commanding officer of the regiment or battalion in the city, or in any town or parish, where there is an independent company or companies, shall have reason to suppose, that the Captain or Captains of the said company or companies have enlisted a greater number of men than is limited above, such Captain or Captains shall within fifteen days after notice, deliver to the Captain-General or Commander in Chief, or to such person as he shall appoint to receive the same, a true and compleat roll of the name of every person he or they have on his list; and if it thereby appears that more are enlisted than the number above-mentioned, all such supernumerary men shall be immediately discharged out of such list, and the Captain or Captains shall give a list of their names to the Colonel or next commanding officer aforesaid; and the person or persons so discharged, shall within fifteen days thereafter enlist him or themselves in one of the companies of the said regiment or battalion; and such of the persons so discharged, as shall omit to enlist themselves accordingly, shall be subject to the fines inflicted in this act on persons omitting or neglecting to enlist in the Militia.

Independent companies to consist of fifty men each besides officers, and if the commanding officer of the regiment in the place where they may be shall have reason to suppose the Captains have enlisted a greater number, such Captains shall in 15 days after notice, deliver to the Commander in Chief, or such person as he shall appoint, a compleat roll of the company, & all supernumeraries shall be discharged;

and the persons so discharged, shall within 15 days enlist in one of the companies of the said regiment.

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That every soldier in any of the regiments or battalions, or independent companies in this province, shall at all times be provided, with a good well fixed musket, or fusce, good bayonet that suits it, a cartridge box, nine

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