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An Act to amend the Militia Act.

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MR. DOMVILLE.

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An Act to amend the Militia Act.

WHEREAS it is provided by section 37 of *The Militia Act* R.S.C., c. 41, s. 37; 1898, c. 19, s. 1. (as enacted by section 1 of chapter 19 of the statutes of 1898), that there shall be appointed an officer who holds the rank of colonel or rank superior thereto in Her Majesty's regular army, who shall be charged, under the orders of Her Majesty, with the military command and discipline of the Militia;

And whereas it has been contended that such officer was, in the discharge of certain of his official duties, independent of the Minister of Militia and Defence;

And whereas that contention is wholly unwarranted, and if acquiesced in would be subversive of the principle of responsible government:

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, declares and enacts as follows:—

1. It is hereby declared that the officer commanding the Militia is subject to the authority of the Minister of Militia and Defence in respect to every duty, power, right, privilege or responsibility devolving upon him in consequence of his appointment as such officer. Status of the officer commanding the Militia.