

## CAP. IV.

An ACT for quartering and billeting His Majesty's Forces, when marching from one District to another, within the Province.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that His Majesty's forces, when marching from one district or county to another, should be provided with quarters :

I. *Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly,* That it shall and may be lawful for any one Justice of the Peace, inhabiting in, or near, any town, village or place, within this Province, to quarter and billet the officers and soldiers in His Majesty's service, when marching from one district to another, in inns, taverns and ale houses; and where there shall not be found room in such houses, then in the houses of persons selling spirituous liquors by retail, on the officer or non-commissioned officer commanding the regiment or detachment producing to such Justice the order of the officer commanding His Majesty's forces, within this Province, directing such march.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That if any inn holder, tavern or ale house keeper, or persons selling spirituous liquors by retail, shall, on being presented with a billet in writing from a Justice of the Peace as aforesaid, refuse to quarter and billet the officers and soldiers directed in the said billet, to be by him quartered and billeted, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every offence the sum of five pounds: to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record within this Province: the one half whereof shall go to the informer, and the remainder be paid into the Treasury, for the use of the Province.

## CAP. V.

An ACT to prevent the harbouring Deserters from His Majesty's Army, and the Sale of Arms, Accoutrements and Clothing, belonging to His Majesty.

**B**E it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That if any person shall harbour, conceal or assist, any deserter from His Majesty's service, knowing him to be such, the person so offending shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of five pounds; or if any person shall knowingly detain, buy or exchange, or otherwise receive any arms, clothes, caps, or other furniture belonging to the King, from any soldier or deserter, or any other person, upon any account or pretence whatsoever; or any hats, shoes, shirts or stockings, or other articles generally deemed regimental necessaries, according to the custom of the army, provided for such soldier or deserter, by his captain, or other officer commanding the company to which he belongs, and paid for by deductions out of his pay, without leave in writing, from such captain or officer, or cause the colour of such clothes to be changed, the person so offending shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of five pounds; and, upon conviction by the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the said respective penalties of five pounds, and five pounds, shall be levied by warrant under the hands of the Justices of the Peace, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender: one moiety of the said first mentioned penalty of five pounds, to be paid to the informer by whose means such deserter shall be apprehended: and one moiety of the said last mentioned penalty of five pounds to be paid to the informer, and the residue of the said respective penalties to be paid to the officer to whom any such deserter or soldier

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For Acts respecting soldiers, see chap. 5. of this session, 40th Geo. 3d. cap. 18, 41st Geo. 3d. cap. 4. 43d. Geo. 3d. cap. 4. Preamble.

Billeting of Officers and Soldiers on a march.

Penalty for such as refuse to billet them.

Penalty for such as harbour or assist any deserter.

Penalty for the purchase of Soldiers' Necessaries

Recovery and application of penalties.