

Expence to be
assessed on men
so employed, in
proportion to
their pay.

Amount of as-
sessment to be
paid to the com-
manding officer.

On refusal to pay
after notice, Jus-
tice to issue War-
rant of Distress
and Sale to levy
the same,

in default thereof
to commit offen-
der to Gaol.

Provido that such
persons may find
their own substi-
tutes, or serve in
person.

Act to continue
to 1st July, 1798.
Continued by
subsequent Acts.

good and sufficient substitutes in the place or stead of such mechanics or labourers, on the most reasonable terms; the amount of which cost and expence, for procuring such substitutes, shall be duly assessed by the Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, or officer commanding the regiment, with the assistance of two captains of the said regiment, on each mechanic and labourer so employed in each of the aforesaid departments respectively, in proportion to the daily pay of each and every of the said mechanics and labourers.

II. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That each and every such mechanick or labourer so assessed, as aforesaid, shall, on due notice thereof, pay the amount of such rate or assessment, to the officer commanding the regiment, or to any person by him duly authorized to receive the same. And if any such mechanick, or labourer, refuse or neglect to pay, such rate or assessment, it shall and may be lawful for any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the town of Halifax, on complaint of the officer commanding the regiment, and on due proof of such mechanick or labourer having been notified of the amount of his rate or assessment, and of his neglect or refusal to pay the same, to issue his Warrant to any of the constables of the town of Halifax, directing them to levy, by distress and sale of the goods and chattles of such mechanick or labourer, the sum so proved to be by him due and owing, as his proportion, rate, or assessment aforesaid, with costs of suit; and for want of goods and chattels, to commit such mechanick or labourer to jail; there to remain, until the amount, so specified in the warrant be duly paid. *Provided always,* That nothing, in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the said mechanicks or labourers, in each of the aforesaid departments respectively, from procuring substitutes agreeable to law, or performing the aforesaid Militia duty in person; on due notice given them of such duty, and on their declaring such their intention at the time of notification, and carrying the same into effect.

III. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That this Act shall be, and continue, in force to the first day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, and no longer.

CAP. VII.

Expired.

An ACT to continue in force the several Acts therein mentioned.

CAP. VIII.

An ACT to amend, and continue for one year, an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for granting to His Majesty certain duties on Wine, Rum, and all other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and Brown Sugar, for the purpose of paying the interest, and reducing the principal, of the Public Debt of this Province.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary, for defraying the expence of public buildings, and other expenditures, that the Act, whereof this is in amendment, be further continued. And whereas doubts have arisen, whether articles forfeit to His Majesty, on account of illegal importation, or otherwise, are subject, on the sale of such articles, to the duties by law imposed thereon, the same as if they had been legally imported, for remedy whereof: