

Meeting of Officers, established and required by the Act of which this is an amendment, when ordered by the Officer Commanding the Regiment or Battalion to which such Officer belongs, without reasonable excuse, to be adjudged by the Board of Officers appointed under the said Act, shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay the sum of two pounds ten shillings.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the Clerks of the Peace for the several Counties and Districts of the Province, and they are hereby directed, to deliver to the Officers commanding the Regiments or Battalions, respectively, in the said Counties and Districts, the Bonds for the return of Arms lodged with them; and all Bonds, hereafter to be taken, relating to Arms, shall be lodged with the Officer Commanding the Regiment or Battalion to which such Arms belong: any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bonds for Arms

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That in case any Bond given by any Militia Man for the return of Arms, shall be lost or misplaced, it shall and may be lawful for the Captain or Officer Commanding the Company, upon such Militia Man returning the Arms and Accountments for which such Bond was given, in good order, to give a receipt for the same, which receipt, so given, shall cancel and make void the said Bond; and if in case the said Militia Man shall refuse to deliver up such Arms and Accountments upon such receipt being tendered to him, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of Five Pounds.

Bonds lost or misplaced

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That the Fines imposed by this Act shall be recovered and applied in like manner as the Fines are recovered and applied by the Act of which this is an amendment.

Recovery and application of Fines

VIII. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, by special order, to exempt such persons as he may deem proper, who are actually in the constant employ of the Officers of the Civil and Military Departments of the Army or Navy, as servants receiving Rations by His Majesty's Order, from the provisions of the said Act, of which this is an amendment.

Exemption in favor of the Servants of Officers

CAP. V.

An ACT for the further preservation of Buoys, Beacons, or Sea Marks, set or placed, by authority, in any Harbour, River, Creek or Bay, within this Province.

WHEREAS, much injury arises from Masters of Vessels, Mariners and Fishermen, fastening their Vessels or Boats to His Majesty's Harbour Moorings, or to the Buoys, Beacons or Sea Marks, placed in the Harbour of Halifax, or the entrance thereof, for the use of the Royal Navy, and for the general safety and security of Navigation:

Preamble

I. *BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly*, That if any Merchant Ship, Vessel or Boat, of any description, shall hereafter be stopped at, and fastened to, any of His Majesty's Harbour Moorings, or to any Buoys, or Beacons, or Sea Marks,

Penalty imposed upon Masters, &c. fastening Vessels or

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set and placed by the authority of His Majesty's Government, within the Harbour of Halifax, or the entrance thereof, for the use of His Majesty's Ships, or for the general safety and direction of Ships and Vessels, navigating and sailing within the same, the Master, Owner or Owners, Person or Persons on board, and navigating, such Merchant Ship, Vessel or Boat, shall forfeit and pay a penalty, or sum of Money, not exceeding ten pounds: to be recovered, with costs of suit, by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record within the Province, by any person or persons who will prosecute and sue for the same: one half of which penalty to go to the Informer, and the other half to the King.

CAP. VI.

An ACT for amending, and reducing into one, the several Acts, now in force, relating to the support and management of the Poor throughout the Province, excepting such parts thereof as relate to their support in the Town of Halifax.

Provision for the support of the Poor

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That, from and after the publication hereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Freeholders of each and every Township within this Province, (the Town of Halifax excepted) or of any settlement or place not comprehended within any such Township, and where there are Twenty or more Freeholders resident, to hold two meetings annually, if necessary, to make provision for the support of their poor: which meetings shall be held on the first Monday in April, and on the first Monday of November; and of which meeting, with the place or places of holding the same, the Constables for the said Townships and Settlements respectively, upon a Precept directed to them, being issued as hereinafter prescribed, shall give notice, at least ten days before the said times of meeting respectively; at which meetings the said Freeholders present, having first elected a Chairman to preside at the same, shall and may vote such sums of money as they shall judge necessary for the support of their poor for the current year, or for the next ensuing six months of the same, and shall choose and appoint five Freeholders of such Township or settlement, any three of whom shall be a quorum, to assess as hereinafter mentioned for the sum or sums of money so voted; and in case the business to be transacted at the said meetings cannot be completed on the said days respectively, it shall and may be lawful for the said Chairman, with the consent of the majority of the Freeholders then present, to adjourn the said meeting to the day following, or to any other day, and then to conclude the business of the same.

Notice of Meetings

Appointment of Assessors

Sum voted insufficient

II. *And be it further enacted*, That if the sum of money voted at any such meeting as aforesaid, for the support of the Poor, be insufficient for that purpose, the freeholders as aforesaid, in such their next meeting, shall be, and they are hereby, empowered to vote as aforesaid, such further sums as shall be determined to be necessary for making good such deficiency.

III.