

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday, the Thirteenth Day of February, 1823, in the Fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Third Session of the Twelfth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

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An Act to alter and continue an Act, entitled, “An Act to provide for the greater security of this Province by a better regulation of the Militia, and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force.”

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that an act, passed in the second year of His present Majesty’s reign, entitled, “An Act to provide for the greater security of this Province by a better regulation of the Militia, and to repeal the Militia Laws now in force,” and every matter, clause and thing, therein contained, except such parts thereof as are hereby altered, be continued, and the same is hereby continued for one year, and from thence to the end of the next session of the general assembly.

II. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by general order, or otherwise, to suspend, during his pleasure, the operation of so much and such part of the eleventh and fifteenth sections of the act of which this is an amendment, as respects every person enrolled in the militia furnishing himself with straps for a great coat pricker and brush, knapsack and straps, flints, ball cartridges and buck shot.

III. And be it further enacted, that when the captain or officer commanding any company of militia, shall accept of an excuse offered by any man of the company for not attending any company or battalion meeting, he shall, if required by the officer commanding the regiment or battalion to which such company belongs, make a report to him in writing of the nature of the excuse so offered and received by the said captain or officer commanding the said company, and upon neglect or refusal to make such report, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of two pounds ten shillings.

IV. And be it further enacted, that if any field officer of any regiment or battalion, or captain or officer commanding any company shall neglect to attend any board or 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 the officer commanding the regiment or battalion to which such arms belong: any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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 accoutrements 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 accoutrements upon such receipt being tendered to him, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds.

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.

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.