

An additional act to the act for Regulating the Militia of this Province.

Whereas by an act of Assembly Intituled an act for regulating the Militia of this Province amongst other things therein contained it was Enacted that every person enlisted into the trayned bands or Militia of the severall & respective Counties within this Province should from time to time bring into the field one fixed Gun, as also every person enlisted as a trooper should ride his own horse equipped with Sword Carbine pistolls & houlsters & ammunition under the paines & penalties in the said recited act mentioned and expressed, but for that the said Act hath provided no remedie for secureing the Rights & properties of such persons to such horses & armes as afforesaid from being seized & taken away by attachments & executions or preventing the owners from selling pawning or otherwise disposing of such their horses or armes as afforesaid, Be it Enacted by the King & Queens most Excellent Majesties by & with the advice & consent of this present Gennerall Assembly & the Authority of the same that from & after the publication hereof every person whatsoever enlisted in the trained bands or Militia of this Province shall at the next Muster enter with the Clerke the armes wherewith he shall exercise, & that the Clerke of the severall & respective companies doe upon such arms entred as afforesaid, affix some marke thereon peculier to the company, whiche mark no person or persons whatsoever shall presume to affix upon any armes not entered as afforesaid, under the penalty of four hundred pounds of tobacco to be levied & assessed by the Militia Officers in field being, & execution thereon awarded to be executed & applyed to the uses intents & purposes as the severall & respective fines in the former act mentioned are to be applyed & no other. And that the Clerke of every troop shall at the next exercise enter the arms wherewith the severall & respective Troopers shall appear & them marke as afforesaid, which mark no person shall presume to affix on any other armes not entred as aforesaid, under the penaltie aforementioned which said arms the owner thereof shall be obliged to appear with at the severall & respective times of muster as shall from time to time hereafter ensue under the penaltie as in the afforesaid recited act is mentioned & in case upon the calling over such company or troop as afforesaid, any the said persons upon examination shall be found to have disposed pawned lent out or Imbezled such his or their armes as afforesaid such person or persons shall be fined four hundred pounds of tobacco or under according to the nature of the offence as the afforesaid Millitary Officers shall adjudge, & that no person or persons whatsoever shall accept of any such purchase or pawn or by what other waies or means soever lay claim to any arms so marked & entred as afforesaid under the penalty of five hundred pounds of tobacco to be appropriated to buying Drums & Colours for the use of the Company to be recovered in the severall & respective County Courts where such person or persons shall reside

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