

L. H. J. The said Bill with the following ordinance Sent up to his Maty<sup>ties</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill by Major Dent, Cap<sup>t</sup> Blay and M<sup>r</sup> Ferry.

By the house of Delegates June the 11<sup>th</sup> 1697.

Voted and Resolved that the Kings Armes and the Countrys Armes distributed according to order of his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Councill be kept well fixed and in good reparaire at the County charge as also the carrying and removeing them to those places where they are lodged.

That the officer with whom the Arms powder or Amunition is or shall be lodged give two Receipts for the Same one to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> another to be kept among the Councill Records, which arms amunition &c are not to be disposed of (Except powder as shall be hereafter ordered) by the officers where lodged unless by order of his Ex<sup>ty</sup> or of the field officers in Case of Invasion or Insurrection (which God prevent) upon forfeiture of treble the worth of the said arms and amunition to be disposed of for purchasing more.

That upon the dismissall Death or Removall of any officer with whom Arms and Amunition are Lodged, the next field officer with one Cap<sup>t</sup> doe imediately goe and take an accompt of the said Arms and Amunition and secure them untill they receive some further order there about from his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Com<sup>mander</sup> in Chiefe to whome they are with convenient Speed to send.

That if it appears that the Arms and Amunitions have been Embezled by any officer with whom they are or heretofore have been lodged, or by the heirs Ex<sup>ts</sup> or Ad<sup>rs</sup> of any such officers that the value thereof shall be first satisfied out of the said deceased officers Estate.

That considering the powder of this province is generally decayed and of little value, that it may be Lawfull for each respective officer with whome it is lodged to sell or dispose of  
 p. 154 one halfe of the same, provided that within six months they provide the same Quantity of good new powder in its place, or answer for the same twelve pence Sterl: p pound to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> And that if any such officer having disposed of halfe the old powder [as aforesaid shall have put the same quantity of good new powder in its place, he may then dispose of the other halfe of the old powder] on the like terms and conditions. And that in case the said powder cannot be changed and made good as af<sup>d</sup> it be changed and made good yearly at the County charge to be assessed by the Com<sup>rs</sup>

W Bladen Clk: of the house of Delegates.

The aforegoing ordinance was brought down to the house thus subscribed.