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For Regulating the Militia.

such offence, forfeit the sum of one thousand pounds sterling money of Great-Britain, the one half thereof to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the use of the province, and the other half to him or them shall sue for the same, by action of debt, of information in the general court of this province, in which no protection, essoign, privilege, or wager of law, or more than one emparlance shall be allowed.

By order of the Commons House of Assembly.

DAVID MONTAIGUT, Speaker.

By order of the Upper House.

PATRICK HOUSTOUN, President.

Council Chamber, February 15, 1758.

Assented to.

HENRY ELLIS.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia.)

AN ACT

to amend and continue an Act Intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province and for the Security and better defence of the same.

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province passed the twenty fourth day of Jan-

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uary in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty five Intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province and for the Security and better defence of the same, it is not Lawfull for Captain or other Commanding Officer of the several Companies of Militia in this Province to Assemble Muster train and exercise their respective Companies or any of them for ordinary & General musters oftner than Six times in one year, And Whereas the said Act doth not direct or specify how many General musters there shall be of the Militia in a year of each Regiment and it being necessary to fix the number of times each respective regiment shall be obligd to muster yearly We humbly pray your most sacred Majesty that it may be enacted And be it Enacted by His honour Henry Ellis Esquire Lieutenant Governor & Commander in chief of the Province of Georgia by & with the Advice & consent of the Honourable Council and Commons House of Assembly of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by authority of same, That from and after Seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and fifty eight it shall & may be lawfull for every Colonel or in his absence the next commanding field Officer to appoint one General muster of their respective regiments once every year, And also for every Captain of a company or Troop or in his absence the next Officer in Command to muster their respective Troop or Company not exceeding Six times in one year, And if any Colonel or in his absence the next field Officer shall refuse or neglect to appoint a General Muster of his or their respective regiments once

Enacted that after 17th March 1758 every Colonel or field Officer may appoint a General Muster of his Regiment once a year, & also for every Captain to Muster his troop or Company, not exceeding Six Times a year. Any Colonel or field Officer neglecting to appoint a General Muster once a year shall be fined £6 stg. Every Captain or Company neglecting to appoint a general to appoint or Company neglecting to appoint or company neglecting to appoint or dinary Musters at least three times a year, to be fined not exceeding £3 stg.

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once a year such Colonel or Commanding Field Officer shall be fined not exceeding Six pounds sterling for every such refusal or neglect, And if any Captain or commanding Officer of a Troop or Company shall refuse or neglect to appoint ordinary musters of his or their respective Troop or Com-Jany at Least three times in one year such Captain or Commanding Officer of a Troop or company shall be fired not exceeding Three Pounds Sterling for every such refusal or neglect to be tried recovered and Applied as directed by the before mentioned Act any thing in the said Act or in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding Provided nevertheless that it shall & may be lawfull for every Colonel or in his absence the next field Officer in Command to muster their respective Regiments in such divisions of the said Regiments and at such different times and places as he or they shall in their discretion think Convenient, And Whereas the said Act Intitled An Act for regulating the Militia of this Province and for the Security and better defence of the same, is near expiring Be it further Enacted by the authority Aforesaid that the said Act which was to be in force for three years from the said twenty fourth day of January one thousand Seven Hundred & fifty the former Act & Continuance of five and from thence to the end of the next Session of the General Assembly shall be and the same is hereby together with the alterations and amendments herein before mentioned continued from the expiration thereof untill the twenty fourth day of January One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty

that every Colonel or field Officer may Muster their regiments in such and places as they shall think

further Continuance of

For Erecting Forts.

one, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly and no longer. By order of the House

DAVD. MONTAIGUT Speaker

By order of the Upper House

PAT. HOUSTOUN.

In the Council Chamber the 15th day of March 1758.

Assented to

HENRY ELLIS.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia.)

AN ACT

Title.

to explain and amend an Act passed in the last Session of the present General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by erecting Forts in the Several Parts thereof and for appointing Commissioners to carry the same into Execution.

Preamble.

Whereas by an Act passed in the Last Session of this present General Assembly Intitled an Act for the Security & Defence of the Province of Georgia by erecting Forts in the several parts thereof and for appointing Commissioners to carry the same into