Anno tricesimo secundo

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act for enforcing the Execution of the Laws relating to the Militia; and for removing certain Difficulties, and preventing Inconveniencies, attending, or which may attend, the same.



WHEREAS certain Counties, Ridings, and Places, within that Part of Great Britain called England, have made some Progress in establishing the Militia, according to the Regulations and Directions of an Act passed in the Thirtieth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better Ordering of the Militia Forces in the several Counties of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, and of an Act passed in the Thirty first Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to explain, amend, and enforce the said Act; but have not yet completed the same: And whereas, in certain other Counties, Ridings, and Places, little Progress has been made therein; His Majesty's Lieutenants, and the Deputy Lieutenants, and all others within such Counties, Ridings, and Places, are hereby strictly required speedily and diligently to put the said Acts, and this Act, in Execution. And

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The recited Acts, and this Act, required to be put into speedy Execution in such Counties, &c. where little Progress has been made therein.

And, for removing certain Difficulties, and preventing Inconveniencies, attending, or which may attend, the Execution of the said Acts; be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in every County, Riding, and Place, within the Part of Great Britain aforesaid, it shall be lawful for his Majesty's Lieutenant together with any Two or more Deputy Lieutenants, and on the Death or Removal, or in the Absence, of his Majesty's Lieutenant, for the Deputy Lieutenants, or any Three or more of them, at a General Meeting to be held after reasonable Notice thereof given by his Majesty's Lieutenant, or by any Two Deputy Lieutenants, to appoint Subdivisions of the Deputy Lieutenants within their respective Counties, Ridings, and Places, and the Times and Places for their First Meetings within the said Subdivisions; and also to change or alter such Subdivisions, or any Subdivision or Subdivisions now appointed therein, whenever they shall find it convenient so to do; any thing in the said Acts, or either of them, contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

A General Meeting to be held for appointing and regulating the Subdivision Meetings of the Deputy Lieutenants.

Subdivision Meetings may be changed as shall be found convenient.

And be it enacted, That if it shall happen that there shall not appear at any Subdivision Meeting, a sufficient Number of Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace, to act, the Clerk of such Meeting shall, by Notice given in Writing to all the Deputy Lieutenants within such Subdivision, appoint another Meeting to be held within Fourteen Days, at the same Place where such Meeting had been before appointed to be held, giving at least Five Days Notice thereof.

When a sufficient Number to act shall not appear at any Subdivision Meeting, the Clerk is to give Notice of another Meeting to be held within 14 Days after.

And be it enacted, That the Deputy Lieutenants, or any Three or more of them, or any Two Deputy Lieutenants together with any One Justice of the Peace, or any One Deputy Lieutenant together with any Two Justices of the Peace, in their several Subdivisions, shall annually cause the Lists of such Persons in the several Parishes, Tythings, and Places, within the same, as are in the said Act passed in the Thirty first Year of his Majesty's Reign described, to be made, and to be returned to them at their Meetings within the respective Subdivisions, on such Days, and at such Places, respectively, as his Majesty's Lieutenant together with any Two or more Deputy Lieutenants, or on the Death or Removal, or in the Absence of his Majesty's Lieutenant, any Three or more Deputy Lieutenants, shall, at a General Meeting, appoint; and that in the ordering, making out, and disposing

Deputy Lieutenants and Justices are annually to cause the Lists described by Act 31 Geo. II. to be returned to them in their Subdivision Meetings, at the Times and Places appointed at the General Meeting;

disposing of, such Lists, and Copies thereof, and also in all Particulars subsequent to such First Return so made, so much of the said last-mentioned Act as relates to the Method to be observed in returning, amending, and disposing of, the said Lists, and Copies thereof, and to the appointing, choosing, summoning, and inrolling, the Militia Men, and their Substitutes, and administering the Oath therein directed to be taken, and to the punishing Persons refusing or neglecting to take the said Oath, or to provide Substitutes, and to the Exemption of certain Persons from serving in the Militia, and to the appointing General Meetings, and all Subdivision Meetings after the said First Subdivision Meetings, and is by the said Act required to be observed in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight; shall be observed and executed, either in the Whole, or in Part, as the Case shall require, until all the Regulations, Provisions, and Directions, therein and herein contained, and which relate to the Purposes aforesaid, be fully completed and performed: And that thereafter the Method in the said Act, and this Act, prescribed for the Performance of all the Particulars here mentioned, shall be annually observed for and during the Continuance thereof.

and all other the Regulations, Provisions, and Directions of the said Act, subsequent thereto, and required to be observed in the Year 1758, are to be duly complied with, and executed, as the Case shall require;

and thereafter, the Method in this and the said Act prescribed, is to be annually observed;

And be it enacted, That each Person liable to serve in the Militia having more than One Place of Residence, shall be deemed to be, and shall serve as, a Militia Man within the County, Riding, or Place, where he shall have been first chosen by Lot;

Militia Man having more than One Place of Residence, to serve where he was first chosen;

And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, Tythingmen, Headboroughs, and other Chief Magistrates and Officers, of Cities, Towns, Parishes, Tythings, Villages, and other Places, within the Part of Great Britain aforesaid, and, in their Default or Absence, for any One Justice of the Peace inhabiting in or near to any such City, Town, Parish, Tything, Village, or Place, and for no others, and they are hereby required to quarter and billet the Serjeants and Drummers serving in the Militia, in Inns, Livery Stables, Ale-houses, Victualling-houses, and all Houses of Persons selling Brandy, Strong Waters, Cyder, or Metheglin, by Retail; the Occupiers whereof are hereby required to provide for such Serjeants and Drummers, at such Times for which no Provision has by Law been made for that Purpose, convenient Lodgings only.

Magistrates to quarter and billet Serjeants and Drummers in Inns, Livery Stables, and Alehouses,

Convenient Lodgings to be found them.

Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Estates requisite for the Qualification of the Deputy Lieutenants, and Officers of the Militia, in the Isle of Ely in the County of Cambridge, shall be as follows; A Deputy Lieu-

Qualifications of Officers in the Isle of *Ely*:

for a Deputy Lieutenant 200 *l. per Ann.*

tenant shall be seised or possessed, either in Law or Equity, for his own Use and Benefit, in Possession of a Freehold, Copyhold, or Customary Estate for Life, or for some greater Estate, or of an Estate for some long Term of Years, determinable on One or more Life or Lives, or of an Estate for a certain Term, originally granted for Twenty Years, or more, and renewable, over and above all Rents and Charges payable out of, or in respect of, the same, in Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, of the yearly Value of Two hundred Pounds; a Captain shall be, in like Manner, seised or possessed of a like Estate as aforesaid, of the yearly Value of One hundred Pounds; or be Heir Apparent of a Person who shall be, in like Manner, seised or possessed of a like Estate as aforesaid, of the yearly Value of Two hundred Pounds; a Lieutenant or Ensign shall be, in like Manner, seised or possessed of a like Estate as aforesaid, of the yearly Value of Fifty Pounds; or be Heir Apparent of a Person who shall be, in like Manner, seised or possessed of a like Estate as aforesaid, of the yearly Value of One hundred Pounds: One Half of all which Estates respectively shall be situate or arising within the said Isle: And in case any Person shall act as a Deputy Lieutenant, or Officer of the Militia, in the said Isle, who shall not be respectively qualified as aforesaid, every such Person shall be subject and liable to the same Penalties and Forfeitures as any Person is subject and liable to for acting as a Deputy Lieutenant or Officer of the Militia, within any other Part of the said County of Cambridge, not being qualified according to the Directions of the said recited Acts; any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

for a Captain 100 *l. per Ann.*

for a Lieutenant or Ensign 50 *l. per Ann.*

A Moiety of all Estates to be situate or arising within the said Isle.

Penalty of acting where not qualified.

Continuance of the Act.

Provided always, and be it enacted, That this Act shall be and remain in Force, for and during the Continuance of the said recited Acts, and no longer.

FINIS.