Anno tricesimo tertio

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act to enable His Majesty's Lieutenants of the several Counties, Ridings, or Places, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, to proceed in the Execution of the Laws relating to the Militia, notwithstanding any Suspension of the same; and for other Purposes relating to the said Laws.



Whereas several of His Majesty's Lieutenants of several Counties, Ridings, or Places, within that Part of Great Britain called England, in pursuance of the Power vested in them by an Act made in the Thirty first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for explaining, amending, and enforcing, an Act made in the then last Session of Parliament, for the better Ordering the Militia Forces in that Part of Great Britain called England, have suspended all farther Proceedings in the Execution of the said Acts, until the next Year; and others of the said Lieutenants, until March and April, One thousand seven hundred and sixty; so that no Proceedings can be had till the said limited Times are expired: And whereas the speedy carrying into Execution the several Provisions made by Law, for the better Ordering the Militia Forces of that Part of Great Britain called England, is most essentially necessary, at this Juncture, to the Peace and Security of this Kingdom: Therefore 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 Parliament assembled, That from and after the passing of this Act, His Majesty's Lieutenant of any County, Riding, or Place, where a sufficient Number of Persons have not been found qualified and willing to accept Commissions of Field Officers and Captains respectively, as were equal to the Number requisite for any One Battalion of the Militia within such County,

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Where a sufficient Number of qualified Persons, willing to accept Commissions, have not been found within any County, &c.

the Lieutenant is to summon a Meeting, within One Month after passing of this Act, of all Persons qualified and willing to serve as Officers, to deliver in their Names;

County, Riding, or Place, shall, and they are hereby required, within One Month after the passing of this Act, to summon a Meeting, at some certain Place within such County, Riding, or Place, of all Persons qualified and willing to serve as Officers in the Militia of such County, Riding, or Place, in order that every Person so qualified, and willing to accept any such Commission, may, at such Meeting, deliver his Name in Writing, or cause it to be delivered to his Majesty's said Lieutenant, or, in case of his Absence, to such Person as shall be authorized by such Lieutenant to receive the same, specifying also the Rank in which he is willing to serve; and his Majesty's said Lieutenant shall proceed thereupon, and also in the further Execution of the Provisions of the said Acts, in like Manner, and to all Intents and Purposes (except as is herein after excepted) as if such Proceedings had not been suspended as aforesaid, and as he and they respectively ought to have done, in case a sufficient Number of Persons so qualified and willing to serve as aforesaid had been found in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight: And in every County, Riding, or Place, where a sufficient Number of Officers shall not be found at the First Meeting held in pursuance of this Act, the Lieutenants of such County, Riding, or Place, shall summon a Meeting within such County, Riding, or Place, for the same Purpose, Once in every succeeding Month, until a sufficient Number of Officers qualified and willing to serve as aforesaid, have been found; or until the Expiration of the Act for the better Ordering the Militia Forces in that Part of Great Britain called England.

and is to proceed in the further Execution of the Laws relating to the Militia, as if there had been no Suspension thereof;

and Meetings for the said Purposes are to be summoned monthly, till a sufficient Number shall offer themselves,

or until the Expiration of the Militia Laws.

The like Method to be annually observed for carrying the said Acts into Execution, as is directed by Act 31 *Geo.* II. to be observed in the Year 1758; except, That the First General Meeting of Lieuts. and D. Lieuts. shall be annually held on the 2d *Tuesday* in *Feb.*

And be it further enacted, That the like Method shall be annually observed during the Continuance of the said Acts, for carrying the same into Execution, as is directed in and by the said Act of the Thirty first Year of his present Majesty's Reign to be observed in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight; save and except, That the First General Meeting of the Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants thereby directed to be held on the Third Tuesday in August, shall, from and after the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty nine, be annually held on the Second Tuesday in January.

6 Days Notice of all such Meetings to be advertized in the *London Gazette*, and Weekly Papers.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Notice of the Time and Place of all such Meetings shall be given by the Lieutenant of every such County, Riding, or Place, in the London Gazette, and also in some One or more of the Weekly Papers (if any such there be) usually circulated within such County, Riding, or Place, at least Six Days before the Day appointed for such Meeting.

FINIS.