

... till such delivery as aforesaid: And if there be more than one concerned in the bringing in any Person to be Listed, and there arise any dispute concerning the Distribution of the aforesaid Allowances, the Majority of the Commissioners then present are to order the Distribution. And for the Encouragement of the Inhabitants of every Parish and Township to aid and assist this Service, and to enable them to provide for the poor Relations of such Persons as shall be so Listed (if any such be) it is Enacted, That any three or more of the said Commissioners, who shall be present at the Listing of any person, shall issue a Warrant in like manner as aforesaid, for paying out of the Land-Tax Money the Sum of 3*l.* to the Church-Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of such Parish and Township for the use of such Parish or Township, for every Man that shall be Raised there; and all such Rewards and Encouragements are to be satisfied by such Receivers or Collectors as aforesaid; to whom such Warrant shall be directed, without any Abatement for Fees, Gratuities, Charges, Postage, or any other pretence whatsoever; and the said Receivers and their Deputies and Collectors, upon Summons given them by the said Commissioners or any three of them, are to give Attendance at the said Meeting for receiving Volunteers or Listing Soldiers as aforesaid, and duly pay the said Rewards and Encouragements; And when any Person shall be so Listed, the Commissioners shall cause the 14th and 23d Articles of War against Mutiny and Desertion to be read to such New-raised Men, and shall forthwith cause an Entry to be made in some Book for this purpose to be prepared, of the Name of the Person so Listed, and of the Parish and Place of his last Abode, and of the Time and Place when and where such New-raised Man is delivered over to the Persons appointed to receive him, and for what Regiment he is so received, and the Names of the persons who receive him, and the Sums for which Warrants shall be issued as aforesaid, and the Names of the Receivers and Collectors to whom such Warrants shall be directed, and Duplicates of such Entries signed by three or more of the Commissioners within 30 Days after delivery of such Listed Man, shall be transmitted to the Office of Secretary at War; and the Pay of such Listed Man is to commence from the time of his being taken and secured. And it is thereby likewise Enacted, That from and after such delivery and reading the said Articles of War, every person so raised shall be deemed as a listed Soldier, and shall be subject to the Discipline of War; but no person so listed or entering himself as a Volunteer upon the said Act, shall be liable to be taken out of her Majesty's Service by any Process other than for some Criminal Matter. And if any Parish or Town-Officer shall be guilty of any wilful neglect or default in the Execution of any Warrant or Order to him directed, he may be Fined for such Offence by any three or more of the said Commissioners, in any Sum not exceeding 10*l.* to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, the one Moiety of which Fine is to be paid to the Informer, the other to the Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor, for the use of the Poor of the said Parish where such Offence shall be committed; and every other person who shall wilfully obstruct the Execution of the said Act shall be punished in like manner, and all such Offences shall be inquired of, heard, and finally determined by any two or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace dwelling in or near the place where such Offence shall be committed, who have power to Levy the said Penalties upon the Offender's Goods (if he has any,) if he has not sufficient to answer the said Penalties, then to commit him or her to the County Goal or House of Correction for the space of three Months without Bail or Mainprize: But it is thereby provided, That no person who has a Vote in any Election of any Member to serve in Parliament shall be taken and listed for a Soldier, neither shall any Military Officer, other than in the Militia, put in Execution any Power given by the said Act. And it is thereby further Enacted, That from and after the 10th Day of February next ensuing, no private Soldier, who hath Entered himself or been Listed into Her Majesty's Service, shall, during the time such Soldier shall remain in Great Britain, be Discharged without the Consent of the Colonel, or, in his Absence, the Field-Officer commanding in Chief the Regiment, first had and obtained in Writing under their Hands and Seals, in which Writing the Cause of his Discharge shall be expressed; and a Copy of every such Discharge shall be forthwith transmitted to the Secretary at War; and any Officer that shall presume to Discharge any Soldier in any other manner is to be Cashiered;

and every Soldier who under colour or pretence of any Discharge (other than as aforesaid) shall quit the Service, shall be punished as a Deserter; but whatever Soldier shall Enter himself as a Volunteer upon the said Act, and shall continue three Years in Her Majesty's Service, shall be at Liberty, if he thinks fit, to Demand his Discharge from the Colonel of the Regiment to which he shall belong: And in regard it may be necessary for the Commissioners at their first General Meeting to appoint Clerks to attend them at the subsequent Meetings, it is enacted, That the Clerks which shall be so appointed shall be paid by the Pay-Master of the Forces, such Rewards as the Lord High Treasurer, upon Consideration of the List of the Names of the Persons listed, returned by the said Clerks, shall judge they may deserve; and the said Commissioners intrusted with the Execution of the said Act are thereby directed to use their best Endeavours, that the Soldiers they shall receive as Volunteers, or which they shall List for Her Majesty's Land-Forces or Marines, be such as are fit to serve Her Majesty, and are not under the Statute of Five Foot and Five Inches; And every Commissioner within England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed, who did not qualify himself to act as a Commissioner for the Land-Tax Act, passed in the Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, is required to take the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Statute of the First of William and Mary, and by the Statute Intituled, An Act for the further Security of His Majesty's Person, and the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, and for extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and all other Pretenders, and their open and secret Abettors, under the Penalty of forfeiting 200*l.* if not so qualified when he shall act. And every Commissioner in Scotland, except such as duly Qualified themselves according to the Laws in Scotland for executing the Land-Tax Act which passed in the said Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, must qualify himself according to the Laws in Scotland for that purpose, under the Penalty of Forfeiting 50*l.* for acting in Scotland not being qualified. And it is thereby further enacted, That in case there be not a sufficient Number of Commissioners in any City, Borough, Town, Port or Place, to put the said Act in Execution, the Commissioners appointed to act in the Counties, Shires and Stewartries at large; may be capable of acting within such Cities, Boroughs, Towns, Ports and Places, as lie within such respective Counties, Shires or Stewartries, or near the same, provided every such Commissioner for Counties and Ridings in Yorkshire, by himself or his Tenants, was Taxed or did Pay in such County or Riding to the value of 100*l.* per Ann. or more of his own Estate; by Vertue of the said Land-Tax Act, passed in the Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign; or unless such Person at the time of Execution of the said Act for Recruiting Her Majesty's Forces, by himself, his Tenants, or Trustees, shall enjoy an Estate, of Lands or Hereditaments of the said value of 100*l.* per Ann. within the said County or Riding. But any Person qualified to act as a Commissioner in any part of Great Britain, may act within any City, Borough, Cinque-Port, or Town-Corporate, whereof he shall be an Inhabitant at the time of the Execution of the said Act, and Mayors, Bailiffs and other chief Magistrates of Cities, Boroughs, Towns-Corporate, and Cinque-Ports, for which Commissioners are specially appointed, may act in the said Cities, Boroughs, Towns-Corporate, and Cinque-Ports. And to avoid Inconveniencies which may happen by pressing Men during Harvest, it is enacted, That from the First of June next until the Fifteenth of October following, all Persons working at Harvest, shall not be Imprest, as being free and exempted therefrom; But Bailiff's Followers and Assistants shall not be deemed exempt from Pressing, upon account of their following such Calling and Employment, as in and by the said Act among other things therein contain'd, may more fully appear. Her Majesty duly considering how necessary it is that the said Act should effectually and speedily be put in Execution, hath thought fit to give as early Notice of the Purposes of the said Act as may be. That all Her Subjects in all Parts of Great Britain may be truly informed of their respective Duties in relation to the Premise; and for that end doth Publish this Her Royal Proclamation (by and with the Advice of Her Privy Council) hereby strictly Charging and Commanding all Officers and Magistrates whatsoever, who are Authorized to put the said Act in Execution, That they use their utmost Diligence to answer the Ends and Designs of the said Act; And she does Enjoy and Require all Her Loving

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