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An Act for the Speedy and Effectual Recruiting Her Majesty's Land-Forces and Marines, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and nine.

W Hereas for Recruiting Her Majesty's Land-Forces and Marines, in order to bring the present War to a speedy and happy Conclusion, it is necessary that a new Supply of Men be forthwith Raised within the Kingdom of Great Britain, by Common Consent and Grant in Parliament; Be it therefore Enacted by the Queen'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 Authority of the same, That within and throughout the several and respective Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Parishes, Towns, and Places of Great Britain, a Speedy and effectual Levy of Able-bodied Men to Serve Her Majesty as Soldiers, shall be forthwith Had, Made, Practised and Put in Execution, according to the Rules and Directions of this present Act.

And it is hereby Enacted, That all and every the Persons who were Named or otherwise Appointed to be Commissioners for Putting in Execution the Act of Parliament Made and Passed at Westminster, in the Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign (Intituled, *An Act for Granting an Aid to Her Majesty, to be Raised by a Land-Tax in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and eight*) within the several and respective Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Towns and Places therein particularly Expressed, who are still Living, and have duly Qualified themselves according to that Act, or shall duly Qualifie themselves according to this present Act in that behalf, shall be Commissioners for putting in Execution this present Act, and the Powers therein contained, within and for the same Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Towns, and Places of Great Britain, for which they were so named or appointed respectively; and that all and every the other Persons who are Named or otherwise Appointed to be Commissioners for putting in Execution an Act made in the present Session of Parliament, Intituled, *An Act for Granting an Aid to Her Majesty to be Raised by a Land-Tax in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and nine*, within or for the said Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Towns, and Places, or any of

them respectively, or such of the Persons last mentioned, as shall also duly Qualifie themselves according to this Act in that behalf, shall also be Commissioners for putting in Execution this present Act, and the Powers therein contained, within and for the same respective Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Towns, and Places of Great Britain, for which they are so named or appointed respectively; and that all and every the Justices of the Peace and Magistrates of Corporations and Burghs in any part of Great Britain, who are or shall be in any Her Majesty's Commissions of the Peace, or in the Magistracy of such Corporation or Burgh, at any time during the Execution of this Act, who shall duly Qualifie themselves according to this present Act in that behalf (although not specially Named or Appointed Commissioners by the said former Acts, or either of them) shall be likewise Commissioners for putting in Execution this present Act, and all the Powers therein contained, within the Limits of their Commissions and Jurisdictions respectively; all which Commissioners by this Act Entrusted with the Execution of the same, are hereby strictly Enjoyed and Required to use their utmost Care and Diligence, that Her Majesty's Service in making such Levies, as aforesaid, be not Disappointed or Neglected.

And be it also Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Commissioners by this Act Appointed, shall meet together within each of the said Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Towns and Places respectively, for which they are hereby Appointed Commissioners, as aforesaid, that is to say, On the South-side of the River Tay, on or before the Two and twentieth Day of February; and on the North-side of the River Tay, on or before the First Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, according to the Computation used in England, One thousand seven hundred and eight, at such Places as have been the most usual and common Places for the First General Meetings, of those who have Executed the several Acts for Raising the Taxes upon Land in the several Parts of Great Britain respectively.

And for the Encouragement of fit and able Persons voluntarily to come to the said first general Meeting, and then and there to Enter themselves into Her Majesty's Service, it is hereby further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That every such Person who shall voluntarily Enter himself in Her Majesty's Service at any of the said general Meetings, before the Commissioners then present, shall by Warrant of the same Commissioners, or any three or more of them, have and receive out of the Money of the Land-Tax arisen or to arise in the Years One thousand seven hundred and eight, and One thousand seven hundred and nine, or either of them, then being in the Hands of any Receiver-General thereof, within such County, Shire, Stewartry, Riding, City, Borough, Town or Place respectively, for which they are hereby appointed Commissioners, or of any Collector or Collectors of such Land-Tax Money for the Parish, Town, or Place where such Volunteers shall Enter themselves, or of any other City, Borough, Parish, Town or Place within such County, Shire, Stewartry or Riding respectively, for which they are hereby appointed Commis-