

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Church-wardens, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen and other Officers of any Parish or Township, or any of them, at any time after the second Meeting of the said Commissioners, without carrying for any such Warrant or Precept, as aforesaid, to Search for, Apprehend and Secure all or any such Persons, as they, or any of them, shall find, or shall appear to them, or any of them, to be within the Description of this Act, and to convey them before the Commissioners at their next Meeting for Listing all Soldiers; to be examined, and (if judged within the Description of this Act) to be Listed and delivered in to Her Majesty's Service, according to the true intent and meaning hereof.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners for executing this Act, who shall attend this Service at the place or places for Listing Soldiers, as aforesaid, shall examine the Persons which shall be brought before them by the said Church-wardens, Overseers, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, or other Parish or Town-Officers, as aforesaid; and in case the said Commissioners, or the major part of them then present, upon Examination of the Persons so brought before them, shall judge them to be such as are hereby intended to be entertained as Soldiers in Her Majesty's Service, they shall cause such Persons to be delivered over by the said Church-wardens, Overseers, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, or other Parish or Town-Officers, to such Officers or Persons as shall be appointed to receive such Recruits, as aforesaid, such Officers or Persons giving a Receipt under their Hands, acknowledging what Mon are so delivered to him or them; and the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them then present, shall then and there Issue a Warrant in Writing for paying out of Land-Tax Monies, as aforesaid, to the Officers of the Parish or Town so employed in the raising such Men, for their pains and good Service therein, twenty Shillings for every Man so raised, and the Sum of six Pence per diem for keeping every such new-raised Soldier, which shall be delivered, as aforesaid, according to the number of Days that the Officers of the said Parish or Town shall have kept him in Custody, pursuant to the power granted by this Act, until such delivery; the said Allowances, in cases of Dispute, to be ascertained and distributed to or amongst the said Church-wardens, Overseers, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, and such other Parish or Town-Officers, or any of them, according to the Judgment and Discretion of the said Commissioners, or the major part of them then present.

And it is hereby Enacted and strictly Enjoyned by the Authority aforesaid, That the Inhabitants of every Parish and Township where any Persons described, as aforesaid, do abide, or are to be found, at the instance of any one or more of the Commissioners appointed for Execution of this Act, or of any Church-warden, Overseer of the Poor, or Constable of the same Parish, or Township, shall (not having a lawful and reasonable Excuse to the contrary) be aiding and assisting in the furtherance of Her Majesty's Service by this Act prescribed.

And for the better Encouragement of the Inhabitants of every Parish or Township, to Countenance, Aid and Assist this Service; and for the better enabling them to maintain their Poor, especially the poor Relations of such able-bodied Men so Raised (if any such be) as may become chargeable to such Parish or Township; Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them then present, shall also issue a Warrant in writing for paying out of such Land-Tax Monies, as aforesaid, to the Hands of the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of such Parish or Township, for the use of the same Parish or Township, the Sum of three Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, for every Man that shall be Raised there, and delivered, as aforesaid, to the said Officers or Persons appointed to receive such Recruits, as aforesaid; and all the Warrants by this Act directed to be issued by the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, for such Rewards or Encouragements as aforesaid, shall be

satisfied by such Receivers or Collectors, as aforesaid, upon whom such Warrants shall be directed, without any Abatement for Fees, Gratuities, Charges, Poundage, or any other pretence whatsoever, and shall be allowed upon their Accounts; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding. And the said Receivers-General, and their respective Deputies, and the said Collectors of the said Land-Tax Money, or any of them, upon the Summons of the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, shall give Attendance at the said Meetings, for receiving Volunteers or Listed Soldiers as aforesaid, and duly pay the said Rewards and Encouragements prescribed by this Act, as they will answer for their utmost Perils any Delay or Obstruction to Her Majesty's Service, that may happen by their, or any of their Defaults.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Lord Treasurer, or Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, for the time being, to cause so much Money as shall be supplied out of the Land-Tax Money of One thousand seven hundred and eight, and One thousand seven hundred and nine, or either of them, for payment of the Encouragements and Rewards aforementioned, to be repaid into the Exchequer of Great Britain, by the respective Paymasters of Her Majesty's Forces, out of such Money as they shall receive for the said Forces, to make good the respective Credits on the said Land-Taxes, and to be applied to the Satisfaction of such Principal and Interest (if any) as shall be remaining thereupon. And the said Commissioners, or such of them, as shall be present at such Meeting for Listing of Soldiers, as aforesaid, shall cause the Fourteenth and Three and twentieth Articles of War against Mutiny and Desertion to be read to such new raised Men, in the presence of the said Commissioners then there, (*viz.*) Article the Fourteenth, *No Man shall presume so far as to raise, or cause the least Mutiny or Sedition in the Army, upon pain of Death; and if any Number of Soldiers shall presume to Assemble to take Counsel amongst themselves for the demanding of their Pay, or shall at any time demand their Pay in a mutinous Manner, any Inferior Officers accessory thereto shall suffer Death for it, as the Heads and Ringleaders of such mutinous and seditious Meetings, and the Soldiers shall be punished with Death. And if any Captain, being privy thereto, shall not suppress the same, or complain of it, he shall be likewise punished with Death.* And Article the Three and twentieth, *All Officers or Soldiers that shall Desert, either in the Field, upon a March, in Quarters, or in Garrison, shall Die for it. And all Soldiers shall be reputed and suffer as Deserters, who shall be found a Mile from their Garrison or Camp, without Leave from the Officer commanding in Chief.* And the said Commissioners, or the major part of them present, shall forthwith cause an Entry or Memorial to be made in a Book or Books, to be kept by them or their Clerk for that purpose, of the Names of such New-raised Men, and of the Parishes or Places of their last Abode, (if they can be known) and of the Time and Place when and where such Men were delivered to the said Officers or Persons appointed to receive them, and the Names of the Officers or Persons who received them, and for what Regiment or Company they were so received, and the Sums for which Warrants shall be issued, as aforesaid, and the Receivers and Collectors upon whom such Warrants shall be directed, and shall cause true Copies or Duplicates of such Entries, attested by the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them then present, within thirty Days after the delivering such Men, as aforesaid, to be transmitted into the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary at War, for the time being, to be compared with the Muster Rolls.

And it is hereby declared, That the Pay of every such new-raised Man, so delivered to the Officers or Persons appointed to receive them, as aforesaid, shall Commence from the time of his being taken and secured, as aforesaid: And from and after such delivery, as aforesaid, and reading the said Articles of War, every Person so Raised shall be deemed a Listed Soldier to all Intents and Purposes, and shall be subject to the Discipline of War; and in case of Desertions, shall be proceeded against as a Deserter by any Law now in force, or by any Law to be