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*An ACT to amend and more effectually put in force  
for the time therein limited, the act entitled 'an  
Act for the regulation of the Militia of this state,  
passed the 26th day of March 1784.*

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS, by the eighth section of the first article of the constitution of the United States, it is, among other things, "ordained and established, that the Congress shall have power to provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the United States, reserving to the states respectively the appointment of the officers, and the authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress."

*And whereas,* The Congress of the United States have not as yet provided any law for the organizing and arming and disciplining the militia, in pursuance of the authority in them vested; and it is fit and expedient that the legislature should continue to provide proper laws and regulations for the government of the militia of this state, until the Congress of the United States shall think fit to execute the power in them vested by the said constitution.

*And whereas,* Doubts have arisen whether the militia law of this state, passed on the said twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, was not repealed and rendered ineffective by the subsequent adoption of the said constitution of the United States, by the state of South-Carolina:

Former militia law  
continued in force.

*Be it therefore enacted by the honorable the senate and house of representatives, now met and sitting in general assembly and by the authority of of the same,* That the said act of general assembly of this state, entitled, "An act for the regulation of the militia of this state," be and the same is hereby declared to have been, and shall continue to be in full force and effect, until the said Congress of the United States shall have provided and enacted some law or laws for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia of the United States.

Commanders of the  
militia to order musters.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for each and every colonel, lieutenant colonel commandant or commander, for the time being, of any of the militia regiments or battalions within this state, to order out such regiment or battalion, for the purposes of regimental or battalion musters or training, at any such time and place within their respective regimental districts as they may think necessary and proper: *Provided,* That said regiments shall not be continued out on such muster or training, for more than one day at each training, nor for more times than three in one year.

Proviso.

Free men, liable to  
bear arms, must ap-  
pear at musters with  
arms and accoutre-  
ments.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every free man of this state, liable to bear arms in any of the regiments, battalions or companies of foot in this state, and who shall appear at any such regimental or battalion muster, or at any muster or review ordered by his excellency the governor, or at any company muster ordered in pursuance of this act, or by virtue of the said act of the twenty-sixth day of March, 1784, not provided with a good musket and bayonet, and cartouch box capable of containing at least twelve rounds of cartridges, or other sufficient gun and a good and sufficient small sword, broad sword, cutlas or hatchet, and a powder horn

or flask, capable of holding at least twelve rounds of powder, and a good shot bag or pouch, capable of holding twelve balls of a proper size for his gun, and with three spare flints, shall forfeit and pay for each and every such default, the sum of two dollars, or the sum of half a dollar for each article of arms or accoutrements herein before directed, to be assessed and levied on such defaulter, in the manner in and by the said act directed and appointed.

Penalty

*And be it further enacted,* That the aforesaid act of the 26th day of March, 1784, and this act, shall be and continue in force until the Congress of the United States shall provide some law or laws for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia of the United States, in pursuance of the said constitution.

This act shall continue in force until Congress provide a militia law or laws.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the third clause of an act passed on the 17th day of June, one thousand seven hundred and forty six, entitled "An act for the better establishing and regulating patrols in this province." so far as it respects the inhabitants of Fredericksburgh township, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Repealing clause respecting the inhabitants of Fredericksburgh township.

*In the senate house, the twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and in the sixteenth year of the independence of the United States of America.*

DAVID RAMSAY, *President of the Senate.*

JACOB READ, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

## *An ACT to authorise the holders of the Foreign Debt in France, to redeem the same in Amsterdam.*

**W**HEREAS, it has been represented to the legislature, by John Splatt Cripps and William Crafts, that the foreign creditors of this state, whose debts are payable in France, would be able to transfer the same to their satisfaction, provided the said debts were made redeemable in the city of Amsterdam: *And whereas,* it is incumbent on this state, to facilitate the negotiation of the said debts:

Preamble.

*Be it therefore enacted by the honorable the senate and house of representatives, now met and sitting in general assembly and by the authority of the same,* That the said John Splatt Cripps and William Crafts, or their assigns, be and they are hereby authorized, on the part of the said creditors or their assigns, whose debts are payable in France, (upon the delivery of the evidence of the said debts) to register the same at the treasury of this state, redeemable in the city of Amsterdam, whereby the said creditors shall be entitled to all the benefits of an ordinance, entitled "an ordinance for funding and ultimately discharging the foreign debt of this state."

John Splatt Cripps and William Crafts, authorized to register debts, now payable in France, to be redeemable in the city of Amsterdam, and to

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said John Splatt Cripps and William Crafts, or their assigns, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, on the part of this state, to negotiate the transfer of the said debts.

negotiate transfers on the part of this state.

*In the Senate House, the 20th day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and in the sixteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.*

DAVID RAMSAY, *President of the Senate.*

JACOB READ, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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