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AT a General Assembly of the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of the *English* Colony of *Conneticut*, in *New-England* in *America*; holden at *Hartford*, in said Colony; on the Second Thursday of *May*, in the 15th Year of the Reigh of his Majesty *GEORGE* the Third, King of *Great-Britain*, &c. *A. D.* 1775.

An ACT for regulating and ordering the Troops that are, or may be raised, for the Defence of this Colony.

**W**HEREAS God in his Providence hath been pleased in great Mercy to bestow upon the Inhabitants of this Colony all the Rights, Liberties, and Immunities of the free and natural born Subjects of the Realm of England; which have been established and confirmed by a sacred Compact, and secured by a royal Charter; which Rights, Liberties and Immunities, were the Birthright of our brave, virtuous,  
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at the beating of the Retreat; in Default of which, he shall be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by Order of the commanding Officer.

ART. XVIII. That no Officer, non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, shall fail of repairing at the Time fixed to the Place of Parade or Exercise, or other Rendezvous appointed by the commanding Officer, if not prevented by Sickness or some other evident Necessity, or shall go from the said Place of Rendezvous, or from his Guard, without Leave from his Commanding Officer, before he shall be regularly dismissed or relieved, on Penalty of being punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Sentence of a Regimental Court-Martial.

ART. XIX. That whatsoever Commissioned Officer shall be found drunk on his Guard, Party, or other Duty under Arms, shall be cashiered for it: Any Non-Commissioned Officer or Soldier, so offending, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a Regimental Court-Martial.

ART. XX. That whatsoever Centinel shall be found sleeping upon his Post, or shall leave it before he shall be regularly relieved, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a General Court-Martial.

ART. XXI. That any Person belonging to the Troops of this Colony, who, by discharging of Fire-Arms, beating of Drums, or by any other Means whatsoever, shall occasion false Alarms in Camp or Quarters, shall suffer such punishment