

SCHEDULE TO WHICH THIS ACT REFERS.

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SECTION 1.

Illegal Petitioning.

ART. 1.

Whosoever shall solicit, labour or procure the getting of hands, or other consent of any persons, above the number of twenty, or more, to any petition, complaint, remonstrance, declaration, or other address to the Legislative Assembly, or either Branch of it, for alteration of matters established by Law, unless the matter thereof have been first consented unto and ordered by three or more of the Justices of the County, or by the majority of the Grand Jury of the County where the same matter shall arise, at their public Assizes or General Quarter Sessions: And whosoever shall repair to the Legislature, or either Branch of it, upon pretence of presenting or delivering any petition, complaint, remonstrance, or declaration, or other addresses, accompanied with excessive number of people, or at any other time, with more than the number of ten persons, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, within six months after the offence committed, and by the oaths of two or more credible witnesses, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, and be imprisoned for the term of three months.

Illegal Petitions.

ART. 2.

Provided that nothing in the preceding Article contained shall be construed to extend to debar or hinder any person or persons, not exceeding the number of twenty, to present any public or private grievance or complaint to any Member or Members of the Legislative Council or Assembly during the sitting of the General Assembly, or to the Lieutenant Governor or the Administrator of the Government for the time being, for any remedy to be thereupon had; nor to extend to any address whatsoever to the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by all or any of the Members of the Legislative Council and Assembly, or either of them, during the sitting of the General Assembly, but that they may enjoy their freedom of access to His Excellency as heretofore has been used.

Exceptions.

SECTION 2.

Offences relating to the Army.

ART. 1.

Whosoever shall directly or indirectly procure, persuade or solicit any Soldier to desert Her Majesty's Service, or shall assist any Deserter from Her Majesty's Service, knowing him to be such, in deserting or in concealing himself from such service, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction, be liable to pay a fine of twenty pounds, or in default of payment, be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six months.

Persuading Soldiers to desert or concealing Deserters.

ART. 2.

Whosoever shall buy, exchange, or detain, or otherwise receive from any Soldier or Deserter, upon any account whatever, any arms, clothing, caps, or other furniture belonging to Her Majesty, or any such articles belonging to any Soldier or Deserter as are generally deemed regimental necessities according to the custom of the Army, or shall exchange, buy or receive from any Soldier any provisions, unless by consent of the Officer Commanding the Regiment or Detachment to which such Soldier shall belong, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall pay a fine of five pounds, or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six months.

Buying from Soldiers or Deserters any Arms, &c.