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An Act prescribing
the form of an Oath
to be taken by all
Commission Officers.

In the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of George the
third King &c. — An Act prescribing the form
of an Oath to be taken by all Commission Officers, both Ci-
vil and Military who have been Commissionated for this
Colony, since the Nineteenth day of July last, or may be here-
after Commissionated, until the further Order of the Great &
General Court. — Be it enacted by the Council and
House of Representatives in General Court Asssembled, and by
the Authority of the Same, That all and every Commission
Officer, or Officers, Civil, and Military, who have been Com-
missionated since the Nineteenth day of July last, or may
be hereafter Commissionated, by the Council, or Assistants of
the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, or the
Major part of them, or deriving any Authority from, by, or
under, any Commission made, or to be made by the said
Council, shall until the further order of the Great & General
Court, or Assembly, before they proceed in, or enter upon, the
Execution of their Respective Offices, take the Oath, hereafter
prescribed to be administered by any two or more of said Coun-
cil, or Assistants, or such others, as shall be by the said
Council or Assistants or the Major part of them, thereunto ap-
pointed, that is to say, You A. B. being appointed to the Office
of — do solemnly swear, that you will honestly, faith-
fully, and impartially, Execute all the duties of the said Office
according to the best of your Skill, and Abilities so help you God
— And be it further enacted and declared by the Authority
aforesaid, that all Commission Officers Civil & Military, who
have been, or may be Commissionated in manner as aforesaid
having taken the Oath, in manner as above prescribed, shall
be and are hereby authorized, empowered, and required to
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proceed in the Execution and exercise of their respective Offices, and that every Act and thing, w^{ch} shall be done by such Officers, respectively in the Execution of such Commission and Office, shall be, all intents & purposes, valid and effectual in Law, without his or their taking or Subscribing any other Oath, or declaration, whatsoever any Law, Usage or Custom whatsoever, in any wise to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

In the House of Representatives Aug^t 22 1775
This Engrossed Bill having had three several Readings
Resolved that it pass to be enacted

In Council Aug^t 23 1775

This engrossed Bill having had two several Readings
Resolved that it pass to be Enacted J. Adams Sec.

Consented to the Enacting of this Bill.

James Otis	J. Winthrop	C. Freeman
W. Lever	J. Adams	J. Foster
B. Greenleaf	J. Adams	J. Prescott
W. Spooner	J. Gerrish	C. Taylor
C. Lushing	J. Whitcomb	C. Chauncy

Resolved appointing a Committee to Inspect the Press, for striking of Bills to the amount of £100,000.

In the House of Representatives Aug^t 23 1775.
Resolved, that Col^o Thompson & M^r Webster with such as the Hon^{ble} Board shall join be a Committee to Inspect the Press for striking of Bills of several Denominations to the Amount of the sum of One Hundred thousand pounds Lawful Money and they hereby are directed to appoint the Hours for striking off said Bills, and to take Especial care to keep the several Plates in their own hands & Possession at all times except when said Plates are in use at the Hours assigned for striking off the same Bills.