

# ACTS

PASSED AT THE SESSION BEGUN AND HELD AT BOSTON,  
ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1761.

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## CHAPTER 1.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING THE SUM OF THIRTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS,  
FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNOR.

*Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and House of Representatives,*

That the sum of thirteen hundred pounds be and hereby is granted unto his most excellent majesty, to be paid out of the public treasury to his excellency, Francis Bernard, Esquire, captain-general and governor-in-chief in and over his majesty's province of the Massachusetts Bay, to enable him to carry on the affairs of government. [*Passed June 5 ; \* published July 11.*]

Grant of £1,300,  
for the support  
of his majesty's  
governor.

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## CHAPTER 2.

AN ACT TO PREVENT SOLDIERS AND SEAMEN IN HIS MAJESTY'S  
SERVICE FROM BEING ARRESTED FOR DEBT.

For the more speedy and effectual levying of soldiers, and to prevent their being arrested for debt, or their defrauding the government of the bounty they may receive,—

*Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and House of Representatives,*

[SECT. 1.] That no person who is or shall be engaged in his majesty's service, and in the pay of this province, either as a non-commission officer, private soldier, or seaman, shall, during his continuance therein, be liable to be taken out of his majesty's service, by any process or execution (unless for some criminal matter), for any sum under the value of ten pounds sterling; nor for any greater sum, until oath shall be made, by the plaintiff or plaintiffs, before one of the justices of the court out of which the execution or process shall issue, or before two justices of the peace, *quorum unus*, in the county where the plaintiff or plaintiffs may happen to be, that, to his or their knowledge, there is, *bonâ fide*, due from such person as the process or execution is desired to issue against, the sum of ten pounds sterling, at least, and was due on the fourth day of April last; nor, in either of the cases aforesaid, shall the soldier or soldiers be taken out of said service (in causes criminal only excepted), unless the plaintiff or plaintiffs, or the person in

Preamble.  
1759-60, chap.  
18.

Soldiers and  
seamen in his  
majesty's ser-  
vice not liable to  
be arrested.

\* Signed July 11, according to the record.