



Sale of Offices Act 1809

1809 CHAPTER 126

VIII Officers in Army giving more than regulated Prices, or paying Agents for negotiating, to forfeit their Commissions, and be cashiered; their Commissions to be fold, and Half of the Produce, when not exceeding a certain Sum, to go to Informer.

Provided also, and be it further enacted, That every Officer in His Majesty's Forces, who shall take, accept, or receive, or pay, or agree to pay, any larger Sum of Money, directly or indirectly, than what is allowed, by any Regulations made by His Majesty in relation to the Purchase, Sale, or Exchange of Commissions in His Majesty's Forces, or who shall pay, or cause to be paid, any Sum of Money, to any Agent or Broker, or other Person, for negotiating the Purchase or Sale or Exchange of any such Commission, shall, on being convicted thereof by a General Court Martial, forfeit his Commission, and be cashiered ; and as an Encouragement for the Detection of such Practices, such Commission so forfeited shall be fold, and Half the regulated Value (not exceeding Five hundred Pounds) shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Half, or the Remainder, if more than Five hundred Pounds, shall go and be applied as His Majesty shall order and direct, by any Regulations from Time to Time made in that Behalf: Provided also, that every Person who shall sell his Commission in His Majesty's Forces, and not continue to hold any Commission in His Majesty's Forces, and shall, upon or in relation to such Sale, take, accept, or receive directly or indirectly, any Money, Fee, Gratuity, Loan of Money, Reward, or Profit, or any Promise, Agreement, Covenant, Contract, Bond, or Assurance, or shall by any Device or Means contract or agree to receive or have any Money, Fee, Gratuity, Loan of Money, Reward, or Profit, beyond the regulated Price or Value of the Commission fold, and also every Person who shall wilfully or knowingly aid, abet, or assist such Person therein, shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor within the Provisions of this Act.