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VIII.  
Men appor-  
tioned.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said two thousand men be apportioned amongst the several counties according to the number of militia in each county, in manner following, viz. St. Mary's county 110, Anne-Arundel 145, Charles 92, Dorchester 124, Cecil 100, Talbot 77, Worcester 110, Harford 128, Washington 94, Kent county 95, Calvert 58, Somerset 103, Baltimore 221, Queen-Anne's 125, Frederick 243, Prince-George's 100, Caroline 85, Montgomery 122.

Governor, &c.  
to appoint, &c.

III. BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and the council be empowered to appoint, by warrant, active and spirited persons in each county, to recruit out of the inhabitants thereof the number of men allotted to be raised in such county, allowing not more than one recruiting officer to every twenty recruits, and that such officer be furnished with money out of the public treasury, and allowed sixteen dollars for every able bodied recruit by him procured, in full for his trouble and expences.

Bounty to each  
recruit.

IV. BE IT ENACTED, That a bounty of fifty acres of land, at the expiration of three years, be granted to each recruit, and also that forty dollars, over and above the continental bounty, be allowed to each able bodied recruit who shall enlist for three years, and that such recruit be furnished with a pair of shoes and stockings by this state, over and above the continental allowance.

May choose his  
regiment.

V. BE IT ENACTED, That every recruit, at the time of his enlistment, shall have his choice of the regiment or company in which he will serve, provided such regiment or company be not full, and if full, he may choose any other regiment or company, which shall be entered against his name, and returned to the officer appointed to receive such recruit.

To be exempt  
from taxes.

VI. BE IT ENACTED, That the whole corps of non-commissioned officers and privates already raised, or hereafter to be raised, shall be exempt from all taxes during the time of their being on duty, and for the space of four years after they are regularly discharged.

Pardon may be  
granted, &c.

VII. BE IT ENACTED, That a pardon, at the discretion of the governor and the council, be granted to such disaffected persons that were arrested, or hereafter shall be arrested, for any crime against this state, who shall voluntarily enlist for three years, and that such persons shall be entitled to the bounty and privileges aforesaid.

Allowance for  
recruits.

VIII. BE IT ENACTED, That every recruiting officer sent down from the regular army to recruit, be allowed at the rate above mentioned for every able bodied recruit by them enlisted.

Land to be paid  
within three  
years, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That fifty acres of land, given as a bounty by this act, shall be paid to each recruit, or his legal representative, at the expiration of three years from the time of enlistment, in such manner as the general assembly shall hereafter direct; and if no other provision be made for laying out the quantity of land that may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid within this state, the same shall be procured by this state within the limits thereof at the public expence; provided always, that if any person hereafter to be enlisted shall desert the service, he shall not be entitled to the fifty acres of land herein before mentioned.

Families to  
have assistance,  
&c.

X. AND, for the further encouragement of those who shall enter into the service, BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the recruits to be raised in virtue of this law shall have families who may stand in need of the public assistance, the several county courts are hereby authorized and empowered to afford the said families, during the absence of such recruits in the service of this or the United States, such assistance as the said courts respectively may, in their discretion, judge adequate and proper.

To be defrayed  
by the state.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all expences accruing by granting any assistance to the families of such recruits be defrayed by the state; and that the said courts have full power and authority to draw upon the treasurers of the eastern and western shore respectively for any sums of money necessary for defraying such charges.

Bounty for re-  
cruits.

XII. AND, for the further encouragement of the recruiting officers to be appointed according to the directions of this act, BE IT ENACTED, That a bounty of one hundred acres of land, to be procured and laid out in such manner and place within this state as the general assembly may hereafter direct, shall be given to every such recruiting officer, or his legal representative, within three years from the first day of February next, who shall enlist and deliver twenty able bodied effective recruits on or before twentieth day of January next, and also a bounty of fifty acres of land, to be procured