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XXXVI.
Proportion in
each county.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said fourteen hundred men be apportioned amongst the several counties according to the number of militia in each county, in manner following, viz: Saint-Mary's county seventy-two, Kent sixty-two, Anne-Arundel ninety-six, Calvert thirty-eight, Charles sixty, Somerset sixty-eight, Dorchester eighty-two, Baltimore one hundred and forty-six, Cecil sixty-six, Queen-Anne's eighty, Talbot fifty, Frederick one hundred and sixty, Worcester seventy-two, Prince-George's sixty-six, Harford eighty-four, Caroline fifty-six, Washington sixty-two, Montgomery eighty.

(Cloaths, &c.
allowed.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person who shall enlist on or before the first day of April next, to serve in some one of the regiments belonging to this state for three years or during the war, shall be entitled to receive from this state, over and beyond the bounty heretofore allowed by congress, two hundred and fifty dollars, and a complete suit of cloaths, to wit: A coat, waistcoat and breeches, one shirt, one hat, one pair of shoes, a pair of stockings, and a pair of overalls, and a bounty of fifty acres of land to be granted each recruit at the expiration of three years; and each recruit and his property within this state shall be exempt from all taxes during his continuance in service, and for four years after he shall be regularly discharged.

May choose
their regiment,
&c.

IV. AND 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 not being full, which shall be entered against his name, and returned to the officer appointed to receive such recruit.

Governor, &c.
to draw on the
sheriffs, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and the council be empowered and requested to draw on the sheriffs of the several counties, or any of them, for any money collected in virtue of the law for raising the supplies for the present year, or on either of the treasurers, for such sums of money as may be necessary for the recruiting service, and to apply to congress, from time to time, to furnish such sums as may be necessary, or to reimburse the money advanced by this state; and the governor and the council are hereby further authorized and requested, if they think proper, 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 one hundred dollars for every able bodied recruit by him procured, in full for his trouble and expences; and the governor and the council are requested, if they should esteem it necessary, to write to his excellency general Washington, to send some active officer of the Maryland line to assist in the recruiting service.

Allowance for
recruits.

VI. AND 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
given, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the fifty acres of land, given as a bounty by this act, shall be given 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.

Proviso.

VIII. 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.

IX. 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.

X. 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.

A bounty of
land, &c.

XI. 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