

furnish the same, and be entitled to the above exemption and privileges; and if any such nonjuror will furnish a good, strong, serviceable horse, of the value of a waggon, with harness and geers complete, and deliver or cause to be delivered the same, on or before the tenth day of August next, to the person appointed to procure horses in his county, he shall be entitled to the exemption and privileges aforesaid.

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An ACT to expedite the raising an additional battalion of regulars.

W H E R E A S his excellency general Washington and the committee of co-operation have thought proper to accept the proposal made by the legislature of this state, to raise an additional battalion of regulars in lieu of the two thousand two hundred and five militia, at first requested to be furnished by this state, provided the same be raised so as to reach the place of rendezvous by the last of July, and it is thereupon become necessary to expedite the raising said battalion: Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the lieutenant and field officers of the respective counties, together with the commissioners of the tax, shall immediately, on receipt of this act, and of the acts of assembly passed this session, entitled, An act to procure recruits to complete the battalions of this state in the service of the United States, and to raise an additional regiment, if necessary, and the supplement thereto, at furthest, on or before the fifteenth day of this instant July, proceed to class all property in their respective counties, agreeable to the directions of said acts, into as many classes as there are men wanted to complete said battalion or regiment, according to the proportions therein stated, and shall forthwith give notice to each class; and if recruits be not procured or deserters taken up within eight days after such class hath notice, shall proceed to order out the militia, agreeable to the directions of this act, and the recruits obtained or deserters taken up shall forthwith be sent forward to the head of Elk, or other place of rendezvous, and put under the care of proper officers to be appointed by the governor and council, who are to march them with all expedition to head quarters, or such other place of rendezvous as may be directed by the commander in chief; and the several lieutenants, field officers, and commissioners of the tax, shall, and they are hereby required to meet for the purpose of carrying this act into effect, as often as may be necessary, at the time and place that may be appointed by the county lieutenant, under the penalty of ten thousand pounds currency each for every neglect or refusal; and the governor and council are requested to forward the said acts of assembly, together with a printed copy of this act, to the several counties by express.

Lieutenant,
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III. And be it enacted, That in case of failure by any county to raise their proportion of men for said battalion in time, it shall and may be lawful for the lieutenant and field officers, together with the commissioners of the tax, to order out by classes, agreeable to the act to regulate the militia, such number of able bodied men as will amount to

In case of
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times the
number of
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