

XXI. And be it enacted, If upon any draft of part of the militia for actual service, it shall happen to fall to the lot of any minor or apprentice to be so drafted, and the said minor or apprentice shall neglect or refuse to go, and the parent, guardian, or master or mistress, shall refuse or neglect to find a substitute in his stead, and a substitute or substitutes shall be found agreeable to the directions of this act, that the father or mother, or guardian of such minor, and the master or mistress of such apprentice, shall be liable to the payment of such sum or sums of money as it shall cost to procure such substitute or substitutes, and in case such substitute or substitutes cannot be obtained, then to pay all such fines or sums of money as are imposed by this act on such minor or apprentice, to be levied as above directed.

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XVII.

Parents or guardians, &c. to pay for minors, &c.

XXII. And be it enacted, That each company of militia in this state now formed, or that may hereafter be formed, shall consist of fifty privates at the least, and shall not exceed seventy-six, and if a greater number than seventy-six shall be enrolled in any one company, then the enrolment of any after the first seventy-six effective privates shall be deemed void, and such shall enroll in some other company.

Each company to consist of fifty privates at least, &c.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That no officer or private of the militia shall be subject to any arrest, either on mesne process, on execution, or in any other manner, for any civil matter, in his attendance at, going to, or returning from, muster, or whilst employed in any duty or service by this act directed or required.

Militia men not subject to arrest while attending musters, &c.

XXIV. And, Whereas on many occasions arms and military accoutrements of different kinds have been delivered out of the public magazines of this state, and are now dispersed among the inhabitants, and have been sold or lent from one to another, and it is represented, that the locks have been taken off from many of the said arms and put to private use; therefore, for discovering the said arms, military accoutrements, and locks, and rendering them of service towards arming the militia of this state in this time of common danger,

XXV. Be it enacted, That the captain of every company of the militia shall, within ten days after notice given by his colonel or commanding officer, issue his warrant to his several corporals to make diligent enquiry within their limits for all arms, military accoutrements, and locks, belonging to the public; and the said corporals are hereby required, as soon as may be after receipt of such warrant, to repair to the habitation of every housekeeper within their respective limits, and demand of him such arms, military accoutrements, and locks, as he hath in his possession belonging to the public, and immediately on such demand such person shall deliver the same to the said corporals, and the said corporals shall give receipts for all such arms, military accoutrements, and locks, as shall be delivered to them, and shall bring them from time to time to the next muster after the receipt thereof, and deliver them to the commanding officer who shall be there present, who shall give the said corporal a receipt for the same, and shall forthwith deliver them to the colonel or commanding officer of the battalion, who shall give the said officer a proper receipt for the same; and such of the said arms and military accoutrements as are fit for service shall, by the said colonel or commanding officer of the battalion, be delivered to

Corporals to enquire for arms, &c. belonging to the public, &c.