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recruiting ser-
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effectual manner, by recruiting sergeants from the army, or otherwise, as heretofore directed, in the several counties of this state, upon the bounties heretofore given by the said recited act, until the said number of two thousand seven hundred and forty-two men are enlisted to serve for three years or during the war.

IV. **And,** To prevent as far as possible the necessity of draughting,

Militia men
providing re-
cruits exempt
from being
draughted,
&c.

V. **Be it enacted,** That every two militia men who shall provide a good able bodied recruit on or before the twentieth day of May next, to serve in the continental army for the space of three years or during the war, shall be exempt from being draughted, and from all military duty out of the state for three years or during the war, as the case may be; and every two militia men who shall provide a good able bodied recruit, on or before the time last mentioned, to serve in the continental army for the space of nine months, to be computed from the time of the arrival of such recruit at camp, shall be exempt from being draughted, and from all military duty out of the state, during nine months; and every militia man, who shall provide a good able bodied recruit on or before the same twentieth of May next, to serve in the continental army for the space of three years or during the war, shall be exempt from being draughted, and from all militia and military duty within and without the state, for three years or during the war, as the case may be.

Vagrants to
be considered
as soldiers,
&c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That every idle person above eighteen years of age, who is able bodied and hath no fixed habitation, nor family, nor any visible method of getting an honest livelihood, and who may be adjudged by the lieutenant of the county, or any field officer, to come properly under the above description of a vagrant, shall from and after such adjudication, be considered as a soldier enlisted, and have it in his choice, whether he will serve for nine months, or enlist for three years or during the war, and receive the bounty; and all constables and recruiting sergeants are hereby empowered and required to take up such idle vagrants and carry them before the lieutenant of the county or any field officer, and shall be allowed twenty dollars for every able bodied person so taken up and adjudged a vagrant.

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VII. **Provided nevertheless,** That the governor and council shall have full power and authority, upon complaint made, to revise the adjudication to be made as aforesaid, and to discharge any person adjudged a vagrant, if in their judgment such person does not answer the above description.

British prison-
ers, &c. not
to be enlisted.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That no British prisoner or deserter, nor any convict, until his original term of service is expired, shall be enlisted or deemed a proper recruit, nor any servant whatever, until emancipated and set at liberty.

Recruits to
pass muster,
&c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That all recruits, in virtue of this or the before recited act, shall be carried before the lieutenant of the county or some field officer in which the recruits are or shall be raised, to pass muster, and the said lieutenant or field officer where the same are brought