

the militia, and also for its effectual organization, and to make for this purpose such a division of the State into military districts as may secure these results, and in so doing to especially pass such laws as shall promote the formation of volunteer militia associations in the city of Baltimore, and every county, and to secure to them such privileges or assistance as may afford them effectual encouragement.

Sec. 3. The Adjutant General shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. He shall hold his office for the term of _____ years, and receive for his services an annual salary of _____ dollars.

JOHN S. BERRY, Chairman,
 JOS. B. PUGH,
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 D. C. BLACKISTON,
 GEO. PETER.

Mr. Wickard from the Minority of said Committee submitted the following:

MINORITY REPORT:

MILITIA AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

The Minority of the Committee on Militia and Military affairs, respectfully submit the following report:

Section 1. The Militia of this State shall consist of all able bodied male citizens, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, except such persons as now are, or may hereafter be exempted by the laws of the United States or this State.

Sec. 2. Persons whose religious opinions or conscientious scruples forbid them to bear arms, shall not be compelled to do so in time of peace, but shall pay an equivalent for such personal service.

Sec. 3. The General Assembly shall provide for organizing, equipping and disciplining the Militia, in such manner as shall be most effective to repel invasion and suppress insurrection, not incompatible with the laws of the United States.

Sec. 4. The Militia officers shall be chosen or appointed as follows: Captains, subalterns and non-commissioned officers shall be chosen by the written votes of the members of their respective companies; field officers of regiments and separate battalions, by the written votes of the commissioned officers of their respective regiments and separate battalions to which