

list of all fines and forfeitures imposed by their several courts-martial, (and by them not released,) to be returned, under their hands, to the treasurer of the eastern or western shore, according to the residence of the persons bound for the payment of said fines or forfeitures, and also transmit to the several sheriffs of the different counties in this state, a list of all fines and forfeitures imposed on delinquents residing in their respective counties, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every neglect or refusal so to do; and the said sheriffs shall collect the said fines and forfeitures in the manner, and upon the terms stated in the next foregoing section of this act, and the same, when collected, shall pay over to the treasurer of their respective shores, for the use of the state of Maryland; *Provided*, that in case of a brigade court-martial, the officer ordering the same shall return a list to the paymaster of the regiment or extra battalion to which the delinquent may belong, and one to the sheriff of the county in which such person shall reside, who shall collect said fines, and when collected, pay over to the paymaster of the regiment or extra battalion as aforesaid.

44. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of each company district, before the first day of October in each and every year, to make return in writing, on oath, of all Quakers, Menonists, Tunkers, and persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, exempt from militia duty under the provisions of this act, to the commanding officer of the regiment to which he belongs, under the penalty of thirty dollars for every neglect or refusal so to do; and it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of each regiment, before the thirty-first day of December next, and in each and every year thereafter, to cause three lists of all such persons, and of the sums of money by them respectively payable as a consideration for their exemption from militia duty, to be made out under his hand, and one of said lists to be delivered to the paymaster of his regiment or extra battalion, another to be retained in his own hands, and the third to be delivered to the sheriff of the county where such persons reside; and it shall be the duty of the several sheriffs of this state to collect all such sums of money from the persons from whom they are respectively due, in the same manner, at the same time, and upon the same terms, penalties and conditions, that they or the collector of the counties collect county taxes and levies, and the same, when collected, to pay over to the paymasters of regiments or extra battalions.

45. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That each court-martial may acquit any delinquent by them to be tried, upon its appearing to such court-martial, that sickness or some such sufficient excuse, was the cause of the violation of the provisions of this act, for which such person is called to trial.

46. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That before any paymaster shall act as such, he shall give bond and security to the state of Maryland, to the satisfaction of the field officers of the regiment or extra battalion, (as the case may be,) to which he belongs, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned that he will semi-annually submit to the field officers of his regiment or extra battalion, (as the case may be,) a full and fair statement of his accounts as paymaster as aforesaid, pay over all balances remaining in his hands, when demanded by his successor in office, or by the person authorised to

Proviso.

Returns of persons exempt from militia duty to be made to commanding officers of regiments.

Courts-martial may acquit delinquents.

Paymasters shall give bond.