

CHAP. 251:

the person designated, and the officers to be appointed shall be deemed both proper and requisite by the Governor and Council, who may afterwards order the armourer of any arsenal to deliver to the said company the requisite number of arms and accoutrements to equip the same, specifying said number, whenever the commanding officer of said company shall have bonded therefor; but no uniformed company shall, after the first day of October next, retain its organization, or continue, which has not at least forty eight men, or company of cavalry continue which has not at least thirty two men completely uniformed and equipped; and it shall be the duty of the commandant of every regiment, extra battalion or squadron of uniformed militia, annually in the month of June, to transmit by mail a return of the number of men in every uniform militia company under his command, to the adjutant general's office, to be therein recorded; and if it shall appear by any return so made, that any company has not the requisite number of men, the Adjutant General shall report the fact to the Governor and Council, who shall thereupon revoke the commissions of the officers of such company, and every revocation so made, shall be communicated by the Adjutant General to the commandant, on whose report the same was founded; and the said commandant shall then furnish a list of the men who last composed said company, to the captain of the district militia within whose company bounds said men reside, who shall immediately enroll them in said district militia, and notify them thereof; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this section, he shall be fined, not exceeding fifty dollars in the discretion of such court martial, as the case may require; which fine shall be collected and paid over as other fines are directed to be, in this act: and no cavalry uniformed company shall consist of more than sixty men, and no rifle, artillery, or infantry uniformed company, shall consist of more than one hundred men, exclusive of commissioned officers, and no uniformed brigade, which has for two successive years, less than two regiments; and no uniformed regiment which has for two successive years, less than four companies of infantry, rifle-men or artillery; or if of cavalry, less than two companies, shall continue or retain its organization; and if from the returns received or wanting, the Adjutant General shall suspect that any brigade or regiment of uniformed militia has not such compliment, he shall cause the same to be investigated; and if it shall be ascertained by him, that said

Deliver arms

Dissolved by failing to have specified number of men

Annual report required

If not sufficient men

Commissions revoked
Revocation reported

Enrolment ordered
Notification

Penalty 50 dollars

Number in companies limited

Brigades, regiments, &c. not to have less than

Duty of Adjutant General to ascertain