

CHAP. 251.

drums, files, bugles, and trumpets, by the commissioned officers of companies, contributing in the proportion of the pay to which they would be entitled if in actual service; but the Governor and Council may distribute any drums, files, bugles, and trumpets, belonging to this State, among the uniform or draughted militia thereof, when and as they shall deem expedient, taking receipts from the commanding officers, for those that may be delivered to them, respectively, in which the signer shall obligate to return the same when demanded, or pay the value thereof to the State, which value shall be specified in such receipt.

By stander in-  
terrupting

Sec. 43. *And be it enacted*, That if any bystander shall interrupt, molest, or insult any officer or soldier, while on duty, at any time required by this act, or by the laws of any company, the commanding officer of the company, at the time of such offence, may cause the offender to be confined for the day, and fined not exceeding fifty dollars, in the discretion of a company court martial, which court shall proceed on such trial in like manner as other courts martial, for imposing fines under this act; and if the like misconduct shall take place before any court martial, towards any officer, soldier, or other person attending said court, or towards said court, or any member thereof, the said court may cause such offender to be confined for the day, and may fine him not exceeding fifty dollars; and the fines imposed under this section shall be collected and paid over by the sheriff of the proper county, as is provided in other cases by this act.

Penalty

Interrupting court  
martial

Confinement &c.  
Fines

Militiamen on pa-  
trole &c.

Sec. 44. *And be it enacted*, That no officer, non-commissioned officer, or private, of the militia in his attendance at, going to, or returning from muster, shall be subject to arrest for any civil matter, nor shall his military equipments be subject to distress, attachment, or execution for debt.

Exempt from ar-  
rest for civil suit

Soldier appearing  
without arms

Sec. 45. *And be it enacted*, That if any non-commissioned officer or private, who has provided himself with a musket or firelock, or who has received one, the property of the State, shall appear in the ranks, at any meeting for inspection or drill, ordered by this act, or the by-laws of the company of which he is a member, without such musket or firelock, he shall be fined a sum not less than one dollar nor more than two dollars, in the discretion of the officer then commanding said company; and if such non-commissioned officer or private, shall appear without such musket or firelock, in serviceable order, which shall appear to be the fault of said non-commissioned officer or private, he shall forfeit one dollar for every such neglect; and the said

Penalty

Or with arms not  
in order

Penalty