

ty-four privates, four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer and one fifer or bugler; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That the said enrolment and arrangement shall be and the same is hereby confirmed, except in cases where the same may be altered and changed in manner following, viz. where a major-general shall call a meeting of the brigadiers of his division, at some central place thereof, and convenient time, to be by him appointed, who shall revise the arrangement and bounds of the several brigades within his district, and make any alterations of the same that may appear to them necessary, and in case of such alteration being made, the major-general shall return the same to the adjutant-general's office; and where the said several brigadiers shall call together the lieutenant-colonels and majors of their several brigades, at some convenient place and time, to be by them appointed, and then and there determine on any alterations that may be deemed necessary in the arrangement and bounds of their several regiments and extra battalions, and the said brigadiers shall, as soon thereafter as may be, make return of such alterations to the adjutant-general's office, to be therein recorded; and the said several commanding officers of regiments and extra battalions shall, from time to time, as the case may be necessary, convene the majors and commanding officers of companies in their respective regiments or extra battalions, at some convenient place and time, to be by them appointed, and then and there determine on any alterations that may be deemed necessary in the arrangement and bounds of their several battalions and companies, and a return, in writing, of such alterations shall be made by the commanding officer of the regiment or extra battalions, to the inspector of their brigade.

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Former enrolment confirmed, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each commissioned officer appointed by the governor and council, and accepting or having accepted such appointment, who shall not, on or before the first day of September next, arm, accoutre and provide himself, as is directed by the act of congress of the United States, entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, shall be fined, at the discretion of a court-martial, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, nor less than five dollars, for such neglect, and a further sum not exceeding twenty dollars, nor less than five dollars, for every year he shall continue such neglect; and each noncommissioned officer and private enrolled, notified thereof, and liable to militia duty as aforesaid, shall within twelve months thereafter, arm himself with a good serviceable firelock, under a penalty of a sum not exceeding five dollars, nor less than one dollar, at the discretion of a company court-martial, and of a further sum of three dollars for every year he shall continue such neglect to arm himself as aforesaid, except such noncommissioned officer and private as shall be adjudged, by a company court, to be too indigent to bear the expense of purchasing such arms; and that out of the militia enrolled as is herein directed, there shall be formed for each battalion at least one company of grenadiers, light infantry or riflemen, and that to each brigade there shall be at least one company of artillery, each of the noncommissioned officers and privates or matrosses of which shall, within twelve months after their enrolment in such company, provide himself with a sword or hanger, under the penalty of a sum not exceeding ten dollars, nor less than two dollars, at the discretion of a company court-martial, and a further sum not exceeding ten dollars, nor less than two dollars, for every twelve months that he shall remain unprovided as aforesaid; and that to each brigade there shall be attached at least two troops of horse, each of the dragoons whereof shall, within twelve months after his being enrolled therein, arm and equip himself in the manner prescribed by the said act of congress, under the penalty of a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, nor less than five dollars, at the discretion of a company court-martial, and a further sum, not exceeding twenty dollars, nor less than five dollars, for every twelve months that he shall delay his armament and equipment as aforesaid; and every citizen so enrolled, armed and equipped, as aforesaid, shall hold his arms, ammunition and accoutrements, free and exempt from all suits, distresses, executions or sales, for debt, rent, or the payment of any taxes.

Penalty on officers for not arming themselves, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the captains or commanding officers of each company, to report to the commanding officer of each regiment, or extra battalion, the number of persons in their respective companies who are adjudged by a court-martial unable to arm themselves agreeably to the provisions of this act, and the commanding officers of regiments and extra battalions of the several brigades, to make return of the same to the brigadiers or commanding officers of the brigades, to be transmitted by them to the commander in chief.

Captains, &c. to report, &c.

The following articles, rules and regulations, shall be those by which the militia of this state shall be governed.

Article 1st. If any field or other commissioned officer, at any regimental, battalion or company meeting, or any other occasion when the regiment, battalion or company, to which he may belong, or in which he holds a command, is paraded, shall misbehave, demean himself, or appear, in an officer-like manner, he shall, for such offence, be cashiered, or punished by fine, at the discretion of

Articles for the government of the militia, &c.