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Arms and accoutrements shall not be sold.

Persons not wishing to uniform.

Proviso.

Grenadiers, &c. Artillery—officers shall arm. Troops of horse to each brigade—dragoons shall arm—horses, arms, &c. shall be exempt from all suits, taxation, &c. Governor and council may loan arms.

cer to deliver the arms and accoutrements belonging to said company to such place of deposit as by said officer shall be designated, are hereby required, under a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, at the discretion of a court-martial, to comply with said order.

49. AND BE IT ENACTED. That if any auctioneer, constable or other person shall sell any arms or accoutrements where there is reason to believe they are the property of the state; such person shall, for every gun or the accoutrements of a militia man thus sold, forfeit the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered by any commissioned officer under this act, in the same manner that other fines and forfeitures are directed to be recovered under this act.

50. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the several commanding officers of companies in whose district a uniform company may be formed agreeably to the provisions of this act, and where a number of persons belonging to said district shall not wish to uniform themselves, such commanding officers shall hereby be authorised to drill or cause to be drilled said persons, separate from his company, if he shall think proper; *Provided*, That they shall be drilled on the same days, at the same place, and as often as his company is required to meet by this act.

51. AND BE IT ENACTED, That out of the militia enroled as is in this act directed, there shall be formed for each battalion, at least one company of grenadiers, riflemen or light infantry; and that to each brigade there shall be at least one company of artillery, each of the non-commissioned officers and privates or matrosses of which shall, within twelve months after their enrollment in such company, provide himself with a sword or hanger, under the penalty of a sum not exceeding ten dollars, nor less than five dollars, at the discretion of a company court martial; and a further sum not exceeding ten dollars nor less than five dollars for every year he shall remain unprovided as aforesaid; and that to each brigade there shall be attached at least four troops of horse; each of the dragoons whereof, shall, within twelve months after his being enroled therein, arm and equip himself in the manner prescribed by the act of congress, under the penalty not exceeding twenty dollars, nor less than five dollars; and a further sum not exceeding twenty dollars nor less than five dollars at the discretion of a company court-martial, for every year he shall delay his armament and equipment as aforesaid; and every citizen so enroled, armed and equiped shall hold his arms, ammunition, accoutrements and horse free and exempt from all suits, distresses, executions or sales for debt, rent or the payment of