

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Nicholas Watkins be and he is hereby authorized to collect all balances due him as collector for the last year at any time before the first day of September next, in the same manner as he could or might have done whilst he was collector, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XCVIII. N. Watkins collector, &c.

III. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said Nicholas Watkins, before he proceeds to execute or distrain the property of any person or persons for taxes, shall, at least ten days before such execution or distress, deliver to the person chargeable with the same an account, written in words at full length, of all the taxes demanded of him, her or them, with an affidavit annexed to the same, that he hath not, to the best of his knowledge, received any part thereof, nor any thing in security or satisfaction for the same, more than the credits given; and provided also, that the said Nicholas Watkins, before he derives any benefit from or under this act, shall lodge his collection books in the clerk's office of Anne-Arundel county court, to be there open to the inspection of all persons interested in the same.

Proviso.

C H A P. XCIX.

An ACT to authorise an exchange of lands between John Eversfield and the other representatives of Matthew Eversfield, late of Prince-George's county. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 175. A Private Act.

Passed 19th of Jan. 1799.

C H A P. C.

A Supplement to the act, \* entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 176.

\* 1793, ch. 53.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person, whose duty it shall be to meet and muster under the provisions of this act, or the act to which this is a supplement, shall not attend on any day of meeting prescribed by any officer authorized to require the same, or attending, shall refuse to do the duties of his station at such meeting, such person, if a non-commissioned officer or private, shall, at the discretion of a company court-martial, to be appointed as herein after directed, be fined a sum not less than seventy-five cents, nor exceeding five dollars; and if a commissioned officer shall refuse or neglect to attend at any company, battalion or regimental meeting, he shall be fined, at the discretion of a regimental court-martial, not less than five dollars, nor more than fifty dollars.

Penalty for not attending, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the captain, or other commanding officer of each company, shall appoint the non-commissioned officers of his company, and if any person so appointed shall accept, and neglect to do the duties annexed to his appointment, or refuse or neglect to obey the orders of his superior officers, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten dollars, in the discretion of the commissioned officers of the company, without a sufficient excuse for his refusal or neglect.

Captain to appoint the non-commissioned officers, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where such fine or fines may be incurred in consequence of non-attendance, or otherwise, the court-martial shall, at the next meeting day of the company, and at the place of such meeting, proceed to hear and determine on the excuses of every such delinquent, and if such delinquent shall, on such hearing, be adjudged liable to a fine, or if such person shall not attend on notice, without a good excuse for said neglect, and thereupon be considered liable to a fine, the captain, or other officer, (as the case may be,) commanding the said company, shall, within two months thereafter, make return of said fines so imposed and remaining unpaid, to the lieutenant-colonel commanding the regiment, or commanders of extra battalions; and if any captain or other commanding officer as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, and the lieutenant-colonel or commander of an extra battalion shall place such fine in the list to be delivered to the sheriff, and the same shall be collected by him, and paid over and applied as other fines are to be collected, paid over and applied, under this act.

Court-martial to hear excuses, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all officers removing out of the county, or, if a general officer, out of his district, with an intention of making a permanent residence, shall, on such removal, be deemed to have resigned his commission; and it shall be the duty of every officer commanding a regiment, or extra battalion, to make known any vacancy which may take place as soon as convenient after such vacancy shall happen, to the brigadier, or officer commanding the brigade, who is hereby required to report the same to the adjutant-general as soon as may be thereafter.

Officers removing deemed to have resigned, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the following articles, rules and regulations, shall be those by which the militia of this state shall be governed:

Articles for the government of the militia.

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