

missioned officer shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, and it shall be the duty of every company court-martial to inquire into and punish delinquencies of this kind, in the same manner and at the same times they inquire into and punish other delinquencies.

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XXXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and council shall select, appoint and commission, from among the militia officers of each regiment, one captain, one lieutenant and one ensign, to command the select company.

Officers to be selected, &c.

XXXII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said select companies shall meet at every regimental and battalion meeting, and on some day in the same months in which other companies of militia are by law ordered to meet, and shall in all respects be subject to the same fines to which the general militia are subject.

Select companies to meet, &c.

XXXIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each of the said companies shall hereafter be considered as the light infantry company attached to their respective regiments, but the governor and council shall not be confined to the light infantry companies, as now existing, for selecting the officers to command the said companies; and the lieutenant-colonel shall, upon the appointment of any officers to the command of the said companies, remove the officers now commanding the light infantry companies to supply the vacancies occasioned by the appointment to the select companies.

To be considered as light infantry, &c.

XXXIV. AND BE IT ENACTED; That the select companies of infantry, or such and so many of them as the commander in chief of the militia of this state shall think requisite, may at any time by him be ordered into service, without any draught made, and when called into service shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the articles of war, and when in actual service shall be entitled to the same pay, rations, as troops in the service of the United States.

And may be ordered out, &c.

XXXV. AND BE IT ENACTED; That in case of insurrection within, or invasion of, any part of this state, the said troops, or any of them, may be ordered on service by the brigadier-general, or major-general of the district in which said troop is raised; but no militia officer, other than the commander in chief of the militia of this state, shall order out any part of the militia of this state to suppress any insurrection within the same, unless required so to do by three justices of the peace, in writing, under their hands and seals, and it shall be the duty of the commanding officer aforesaid to communicate to the commander in chief, as soon as possible, information respecting the said insurrection or invasion.

Any part may be ordered on service, &c.

XXXVI. AND BE IT ENACTED; That all such parts of the act to which this is a supplement as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Parts of an act repealed.

XXXVII. This act to continue and be in force until the twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and one, and until the end of the next session of assembly that may happen thereafter.

Duration.

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An ACT for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 187.

Passed 20th of Jan. 1799.

WHEREAS the laws and regulations relative to the estates of deceased persons, comprehending a great variety of subjects, and interesting to citizens of every description, not only are become complicated and difficult to be understood, but are found by experience to be greatly inadequate to the purposes for which they were framed;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That every provision, rule or regulation, contained in any act of assembly heretofore passed, or in any English statute introduced, used or practiced under, in this state, which is inconsistent with, or repugnant to, any thing contained in this act, be and it is hereby repealed and rendered utterly void and of no effect.

Every former provision, &c. repealed.

III. AND