

METHODISTS.

Not to be fined for preaching without taking the oath or affirmation prescribed by the act for the better security of the government, (February, 1777, ch. 20,) unless by their conduct they manifested a disposition inimical to the government. November, 1782, ch. 13.

MILITARY.

In all cases, and at all times, the military ought to be under strict subordination to, and control of, the civil power. Decl. 27.

MILITIA.

A well regulated militia is the proper and natural defence of a free government. Decl. 25.

The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, may embody the militia, and when embodied, shall alone have the direction thereof, but he shall not command in person, unless advised thereto by the council, and then only so long as they shall approve thereof. Const. 33.

The governor and council may appoint officers of the militia. *Ibid.* 48.

— May suspend any militia officer for one month. *Ibid.*

The governor may remove or suspend any militia officer in pursuance of the judgment of a court-martial. *Ibid.*

No field-officer of the militia shall be eligible as a senator, delegate, or member of the council. *Ibid.* 45.

Militia commissions shall not be signed by the chancellor, or have the seal of the state annexed. *Ibid.* 57.

Pilots and their apprentices to be exempt from militia duty. November, 1787, ch. 26, § 10, 19.

The act of congress, entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, recited at large. 1793, ch. 53, § 1.

Persons to be appointed in each county by the governor and council to make lists of all able bodied white male citizens between eighteen and forty-five years of age, (except as in the act of congress and therein after excepted,) distinguishing therein the quakers, menonists, tunkers, and persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, and the apprentices and their trades. *Ibid.* § 2.

— Allowance to the persons so to be appointed. *Ibid.* § 3.

Persons of the age aforesaid not giving in their names when required forfeit 10 dollars. *Ibid.* § 4.

Persons of the age of eighteen or upwards, not so informing the persons appointed, and persons under the age of forty-five informing that they are of that age or upwards, forfeit 10 dollars. *Ibid.* § 5.

No person to be excused for inability, unless he shall obtain from the surgeon of the regiment, or some reputable physician in his neighbourhood, a certificate that he is not of sufficient ability to perform militia duty. *Ibid.* § 6.

The lists aforesaid directed to be returned to the governor and council within fifteen days after the tenth of April, 1794, under the penalty of 40 dollars. *Ibid.* § 7.

The governor and council to proceed to appoint the proper officers agreeable to the provisions of the act of congress before recited. *Ibid.*

Every citizen (as above described,) to be thereupon enrolled in the militia by the captain or commanding officer of the company within whose bounds he shall reside, under the direction of the brigadier-general, before the twentieth of June, 1794. *Ibid.*

The captains, or commanding officers of companies, directed thereafter to enrol every such citizen, and those who should come to the said age, or to reside within their bounds, and to notify such enrolment by a proper non-commissioned officer. *Ibid.*

MILITIA.

The governor and council directed, on or before the twentieth of June, 1794, to arrange the militia into divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions and companies. *Ibid.* § 8.

— To number each division, brigade and regiment, at the formation, and a record thereof to be made in the adjutant-general's office. *Ibid.*

— Each brigade to consist of four regiments, each regiment of two battalions, each battalion of five companies, and each company of sixty-four privates, four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer, and one fifer or bugler, if the same should be convenient. *Ibid.*

One company of grenadiers, light infantry or rifle-men, at least, to be formed out of the militia enrolled for each battalion. *Ibid.* § 9.

A company of artillery, and one troop of horse, to be formed to each division, and officered according to the before recited act of congress. *Ibid.*

All commissioned officers appointed as aforesaid, and accepting, directed, on or before the tenth of July, 1794, to arm, accoutre and provide themselves, in the manner directed by the said recited act of congress, under the penalty of 20 dollars. *Ibid.* § 10.

Non-commissioned officers and matrosses in the artillery, and non-commissioned officers and dragoons in the companies of horse, directed, on or before the first of August, 1794, to arm, accoutre and provide themselves, in like manner, under the penalty of 6 dollars. *Ibid.*

The captains or commanding officers of companies to appoint the non-commissioned officers. 1798, ch. 100, § 2.

— Penalty on their neglecting, after acceptance, to perform the duties, &c. *Ibid.*

All ministers of the gospel, regularly ordained or licensed by any religious society, exempted from militia duty. 1793, ch. 53, § 11.

Officers commissioned under this act to take an oath or affirmation, to be true and faithful to the state of Maryland. *Ibid.* § 12.

The state and regimental colours to be provided by the field-officers. *Ibid.* § 13.

— The drums and fifes, or bugle horns, by the commissioned officers of companies, in proportion to the pay they would be entitled to if in actual service. *Ibid.*

— On neglect to provide them before the first of August, 1794, the officers to forfeit one third of a month's pay. *Ibid.*

— Part of the money arising from fines to be applied to the purchase of colours, drums and fifes, and the pay of drummers and fifers. 1798, ch. 100, § 22.

The militia to be exercised,

— In companies on some day in the months of April and November,

— In battalion on some day in August,

— In regiment on some day in October, after the tenth. 1793, ch. 53, § 14.

The captains to appoint the days and places of meeting in companies. *Ibid.*

— To give notice of every muster day to the non-commissioned officers, who are to give notice to the privates. 1798, ch. 100, § 11.

The brigadier-generals to appoint the days and places of meeting in regiment, battalion and extra battalion. *Ibid.* § 12.

The militia to attend on the days appointed, with their arms and accoutrements in good order. 1793, ch. 53, § 14.

Non-commissioned officers or privates who have muskets or guns, and appear without them, are subject to be fined. 1798, ch. 100, § 15.