

Regiment, Company, Troop, Vessel, or Crew, to which he belongs, and the Distance such Deserter shall be brought, if such Justice shall be informed thereof, if not, then he shall give a Certificate, expressing such of those Circumstances as shall come to his Knowledge; which Certificate shall entitle the Bearer to the Reward of five Dollars for the apprehending such Deserter, and twelve ninetieths of a Dollar for every Mile therein expressed; and any Person, who shall convey and deliver such Deserter to the Officer or Gaoler as aforesaid, shall receive the same Mileage; and the said Reward and Mileage shall be paid by the Officer, Sheriff, or Gaoler, to whom such Deserter shall be delivered, and the Sheriff or Gaoler shall be reimbursed the Money by him paid, by the Treasurer of his Shore, together with the Expence of advertising such Deserter, and one fifth of a Dollar per Day for his Maintenance (to be charged to the Continent, or State from whose Service such Person shall have deserted; and the Sheriff or Gaoler shall immediately publish the Name of the Deserter, and the Company, Troop, Regiment, Vessel, or Crew, to which he belongs, or such of those Circumstances as shall be mentioned in the Certificate sent with such Deserter, in some one of the News-Papers of this and the Pennsylvania State, for four successive Weeks.

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V. To abolish the pernicious Practice of harbouring Deserters, and purchasing from them,

VI. Be it enacted, That if any Person shall harbour, conceal, entertain, or assist, any Deserter from the Land or Sea Service of the United States, or any of them, knowing him to be such, the Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence, twenty Dollars; or if any Person shall buy or exchange, or receive by way of Pledge, any Arms, Horse, Cloaths, or other Furniture, belonging to this State, or the United States, or any of them, knowing them to be such, from any Soldier, Mariner, Deserter, or any other Person, under any Pretence, or shall cause the Colour of such Cloaths to be changed, or the Mark or Brand of such Horse to be altered, the Person so offending shall forfeit, for every such Offence, twenty Dollars, upon Conviction by the Oath of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, before any one Justice of the Peace of the County or City where the Offence shall be committed; the said respective Penalties to be levied by Warrant from the Justice to any Constable, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender, the said Constable giving eight Days Notice of the Sale of such Goods and Chattels, by public Advertisement; the Whole of the said Penalties to the Informer, and where no Informer, the Whole thereof to the Use of the County or City where such Offender resides; and if any such Offender, convicted as aforesaid, shall not have sufficient Goods and Chattels, whereon Distress may be made for the Penalty, or shall not pay the same within five Days after such Conviction, such Justice may and shall, by Warrant, commit such Offender to the common Gaol, there to remain, without Bail, not exceeding three Months. And if any such Offender shall be a second Time guilty of the like Offence, and be convicted thereof as aforesaid, and shall not pay the Penalty aforesaid, or have Goods and Chattels on which the said Penalty may be levied by Distress as aforesaid, such Offender may be adjudged by the said Justice,

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