

House-keeper, deliver to some Collector in his County one Half of his Overplus of Blankets, over and beyond what are commonly used by his Family in the Winter Season; and the Value thereof shall be ascertained, Certificates given, and the Money paid, as before in this Act is directed.

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An ACT to expedite the March of Troops in and through this State.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish some regular Plan for the supplying of Troops marching to, in or through, this State, for the Defence thereof, of any other of the United States, with proper Teams, and Carriages and Boats for expediting the March of the said Troops, with their Baggage and military Stores: And whereas neither Carriages or Boats ought to be impressed for any other Purpose, or in any other Manner, than as directed by the Legislature;

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly, That any Justice of the Peace within any County, from, through, near, or to which, any Battalion, Detachment, Troop, or Company, employed in the Service of this State, or the United States, may be ordered to march, shall, on the written Application of any Officer, having the quartering, Disposition, Direction, or Command, of such Battalion, Detachment, Troop, or Company, issue his Warrant, or Warrants, to any one or more of the Constables of the County of which he is a Justice, requiring him or them to provide, in his or their Hundred or Hundreds, by Hire or Contract, at the Rates hereafter ascertained, for prest Carriages and Teams, such a Number of Carriages and Teams, with able Men to drive the same, as shall be mentioned in the said Warrant or Warrants; and if the Number required cannot be so procured, then to prest in his or their Hundred or Hundreds respectively, such a Number as shall be wanting to make up their respective Deficiencies; but if the Emergency of Affairs requires an immediate Supply of Carriages and Teams, and will not admit the Delay which may arise on an Attempt to provide the same by Hire or Contract, as aforesaid, then the said Justice shall issue his Warrant or Warrants to the Constable (or Constables aforesaid, requiring him or them immediately to prest the whole Number of Carriages and Teams as shall be mentioned in the said Warrant or Warrants; and if any Justice, after such Application as aforesaid, shall wilfully refuse or neglect to grant such Warrant as aforesaid, or if any Constable shall wilfully refuse or neglect to execute such Warrant; or if any Person, whose Carriage, Team, or Driver, has been hired as aforesaid, or whose Carriage, Team, or Driver, has been impressed as aforesaid, shall wilfully delay to furnish, or forward such Carriage, Team, or Driver, to such Place as he shall be directed by the said Constable, such Person so offending shall forfeit and pay a Sum of Money not exceeding fifteen Pounds, nor less than three Pounds fifteen Shillings current Money, one Moiety thereof to the Use of the Poor of the County where such Offence shall be committed, and the other Half to the Informer, to be recovered before any Justice of the County, and to be levied on the Offender's Person, Goods, or Chattels.

Justice, on Application of any Officer, &c. shall issue his Warrant to Constables to hire or prest Carriages, &c.

III. And