

C H A P. XIV.

be procured on Hire at a reasonable Price, it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons, appointed as aforesaid, to enter and quarter the Residue of the Officers, Soldiers, or Troopers, in any empty or unoccupied House or Houses, in such City, Town, or Place; and if sufficient Quarters cannot thus be obtained, it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons, appointed as aforesaid, to quarter and billet the remaining Officers, Soldiers, or Troopers, in the Taverns or public Houses in such City, Town, or Place, in Proportion to their Number, and their Ability and Convenience; and in case further Quarters shall still be wanting, it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons, appointed as aforesaid, to enter, quarter, and billet, the remaining Officers, Soldiers, or Troopers, in the House or Houses of any Person or Persons, in such City, Town, or Place, who shall not have subscribed the Association at the Time of such billeting, or who shall hereafter be adjudged Enemies or disaffected Persons by any legal Authority of this State, in Proportion to their Number, Ability, and Convenience; and if any Officers, Soldiers, or Troopers, should still remain unprovided for, it shall and may be lawful for such Person or Persons, appointed as aforesaid, to enter, quarter, and billet, such Officers, Soldiers, and Troopers, in the Houses of the other Inhabitants of such City, Town, or Place, in Proportion to their Number, Ability, and Convenience.

Certificates to be given to Owners of Houses, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That if any House shall be hired as aforesaid, the Person or Persons appointed as aforesaid, shall give a Certificate for the Rent to the Owner and his Assigns; and where any empty or unoccupied House shall be taken as aforesaid, a Certificate shall also be given to the Owner and his Assigns for the Sum due for the same, either to be ascertained by Agreement, or by the Valuation of some disinterested Person on Oath, and the said Certificates shall be paid by either of the Treasurers of this State, and if such Expenses shall be incurred for Troops belonging to any other State, or to the United States, the same shall be charged to such State, or the United States, as the Case may be.

Any Justice may provide Quarters, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That if the Governor shall not appoint any Person in any City, Town or Place, as aforesaid, or such Person shall refuse or neglect to comply with the Directions of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace in or near thereto, if required by any Officer as aforesaid, to provide Quarters for his Troops in the same Manner as above is directed.

V. And, To prevent as far as possible any Damages to any Houses and Premises rented or taken as aforesaid,

And enquiry into Damages committed in Houses rented, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, if required by the Owner thereof, to enter into such House, and if on Examination he shall find any Injury committed, he shall cause strict Enquiry to be made after the Person who committed the same, and shall direct the Damage to be valued by some disinterested Person on Oath, and if done by any non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, he shall give Notice of the Damage done, and (if discovered) the Name of the Offender to the commanding Officer in such City, Town or Place, and if done by or with the Permission or Connivance