

An ACT to reinforce the *American* army.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person within this state, between sixteen and fifty years of age, shall, on or before the fifteenth day of *August* next, furnish and deliver to any recruiting sergeant appointed by the governor and the council, or any officer in any of the battalions raised by this state, an healthy able bodied recruit, being a freeman, or an *Irish* or *American* indentured servant or apprentice, not employed in the trade of a ship carpenter, gunsmith, blacksmith, tailor, shoemaker, or weaver, or in any linen, woollen, iron, or wire manufactory, to serve in any one of the battalions raised by this state for the term of three years, such person shall be exempt from any militia or military duty for the said term of three years, and such person is hereby required not to give more than thirty dollars reward to such recruit.

Any person furnishing a recruit for three years to be exempt from military duty, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That in case any two persons, in consequence of the recommendation of congress, have, before the passing this act, furnished one able bodied recruit as aforesaid, to serve for the aforesaid term of three years, such two persons, by furnishing one other able bodied recruit as aforesaid, to serve for the term of three years aforesaid, shall be entitled to the above exemption.

Two persons having furnished a recruit to be exempt on finding another.

III. And be it enacted, That such recruit shall be entitled to receive the continental bounty and other allowances, and the officer to whom he shall be delivered shall give a certificate expressing the name of the recruit, the time when he enlisted, and the name of the person who shall furnish and deliver the recruit.

Such recruit to receive the continental bounty, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That every healthy able bodied man, as aforesaid, (not furnished by or receiving any reward from persons exempted as aforesaid) who shall hereafter enter into any of the battalions raised by this state for three years, shall be entitled to receive from this state, a bounty of thirty dollars above the continental allowance, and that the governor and the council be empowered to draw on the treasurers for money sufficient for this purpose, and to appoint recruiting sergeants in each county, who shall be paid the continental allowance for their trouble.

Persons entering into battalions raised by this state to receive 30 dollars, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be empowered to order any part of any of the artillery companies raised for the immediate defence of this state, not exceeding fifty-six privates, under officers proper for such a number of artillerists, to march with all expedition to the city of *Philadelphia*, there to obey the orders of congress, or of his excellency general *Washington*, and to remain in the continental service during this campaign, or so long as the commander in chief shall require their service, unless the exigencies of this state should require their recall by the governor and the council.

Governor and council may order part of the artillery companies to *Philadelphia*, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That no officer of the United States shall enlist any of the inhabitants of this state in the service of the United States, unless in some one of the battalions from this state, under the penalty of one hundred pounds for each person enlisted contrary hereto.

Inhabitants of this state not to be enlisted in the service of any other.