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An ACT relating to the treasurers.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by a resolution of convention, passed the fourteenth day of August, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, it was among other things directed, that the supervisors appointed for that purpose, should deliver to the treasurer of the eastern shore, one fourth part of the sum of five hundred and thirty-five thousand one hundred and eleven dollars and one ninth of a dollar, as the proportion allotted for that shore, and it appearing that the sum of one hundred and one thousand one hundred and eleven dollars and one ninth of a dollar, part thereof, is now in the hands of the said supervisors;

64,444 dollars & 4-9ths to be delivered by the supervisors to the treasurer of W. shore.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That sixty-four thousand four hundred and forty-four dollars and four ninths of a dollar, of the said sum, now in the hands of the supervisors, be by them retained and delivered to the treasurer of the western shore.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT to regulate the militia.

Preamble.

WHEREAS a well regulated militia is the proper and natural defence of a free government:

A lieutenant in each county to be recommended by the general assembly, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a lieutenant in each county of this state, of undoubted courage, zeal and attachment to the liberties and independence of America, be recommended by the general assembly, and commissioned by the governor and council. That the said lieutenants, and each of them, within ten days after the receipt of their several and respective commissions, shall, by warrant under their hand and seal, appoint fit and proper persons in every county, to make a true and exact list of the names of all able bodied male white persons, between sixteen and fifty years of age (members of the council, the chancellor, judges of the general court, ministers of the Gospel and clergy of all denominations, and servants purchased bona fide for money, only excepted) and shall cause the same lists to be completed on or before the twentieth day of August next.

Persons appointed to take the lists of names, &c. to be allowed 7/6 per day, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That every person so appointed to take the list of names in each county, shall be allowed for his trouble at the rate of seven shillings and six-pence per day for every day he shall be employed in that business, to be paid by the said lieutenant, who is hereby authorized and empowered to draw on the treasurer of the shore where he resides, to reimburse himself for that or any other expence he may necessarily incur in the execution of this act; and the person so appointed to take the list of names, shall be obliged to act in pursuance of the warrant of the lieutenant, under the penalty of five pounds common money.

Lieutenants to divide the militia into battalions and companies, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the lieutenants shall severally and respectively divide the militia in their counties into battalions and companies, having regard to such battalions as have been already formed and proper colonels, majors, captains, and other officers, shall be commissioned