

C H A P. XVII. articles of war for the better government of the militia thereof, and shall be tried only by their own officers.

Militia not to march out of this state till congress signify they shall not be subjected to continental articles.

XIV. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the governor and council to order the militia of this state, or any part thereof, to march out of the same, on any requisition of congress, until it be expressly signified by congress, that they shall not be subjected to the continental articles of war, nor to any other articles of war than above specified.

Persons aggrieved may appeal, &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved in the seizure of his, her, or their goods and chattels, lands or tenements, he, she, or they may enter an appeal before the justices of the next county court, and on the parties giving sufficient security within six days next after any goods or chattels, lands or tenements, shall be seized or distrained as aforesaid, to prosecute such appeal with effect, the justices shall receive the same, and stay further process; and the said justices shall return every such appeal on the second day of the next term, and the court shall direct a trial by jury of the county, as in other cases of debt, whose verdict shall be final and conclusive, and except in extraordinary cases, of which the court shall be judge, all such appeals shall be tried at the term to which such returns shall be made, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Arms, &c. to be provided by the lieutenants.

XVI. And be it enacted, That arms and accoutrements sufficient for two classes in each company shall be provided at the expence of the state, as soon as convenient, by the lieutenants of the several counties, and shall be in the care and under the direction of the lieutenants respectively, and marked with the name of the county, and the number of the battalion to which they belong.

Commissioned officers to appoint sergeants, &c.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the commissioned officers of each company shall appoint four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer, and one fifer, for their respective companies.

Field officers to appoint adjutants, &c.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the field officers of each battalion in this state, shall constitute and appoint to their respective battalions, one quarter-master, one adjutant, and one drum and fife-major, which adjutant, and drum and fife-major, shall be persons experienced in the duties of their respective offices.

Militia men not to leave their companies, &c.

XIX. And be it enacted, That no militia man shall leave the company to which he belongs, or join any other, under the penalty of ten pounds, unless by consent of the captain, or in case of removing to some other district within this or any other state, and in such case he shall apply to the commander of such company, who shall give him a certificate of his being discharged, and if the said militia man had been in actual service, shall also certify the time thereof, and how long he had continued therein.

Substitutes not excused in their own turn.

XX. And be it enacted, That no person serving as a substitute for another, shall thereby be excused from serving in his own turn.

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