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serve, provided such regiment or company be not full, and if full, he may choose any other regiment or company, which shall be entered against his name, and returned to the officer appointed to receive such recruit.

To be exempt from taxes, &c.

VI. Be it enacted, That the whole corps of non-commissioned officers and privates, already raised or hereafter to be raised, shall be exempt from all taxes during the time of their being on duty, and for the space of four years after they are regularly discharged.

Pardon to be granted to disaffected persons, &c.

VII. Be it enacted, That a pardon, at the discretion of the governor and the council, be granted to such disaffected persons that were arrested, or hereafter shall be arrested, for any crime against this state, who shall voluntarily enlist for three years, and that such persons shall be entitled to the bounty and privileges aforesaid.

Allowance to recruiting officers from the army.

VIII. Be it enacted, That every recruiting officer sent down from the regular army to recruit, be allowed at the rate abovementioned for every able bodied recruit by them enlisted.

The 50 acres of land bounty to be paid within three years.

IX. And be it enacted, That the fifty acres of land, given as a bounty by this act, shall be paid to each recruit, or his legal representative, at the expiration of three years from the time of enlistment, in such manner as the general assembly shall hereafter direct; and if no other provision be made for laying out the quantity of land that may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid within this state, the same shall be procured by this state, within the limits thereof, at the public expence.

Proviso.

X. Provided always, That if any person hereafter to be enlisted shall desert the service, he shall not be entitled to the fifty acres of land herein before mentioned.

XI. And, For the further encouragement of those who shall enter into the service,

Families of recruits to have assistance.

XII. Be it enacted, That if any of the recruits to be raised in virtue of this law shall have families who may stand in need of the public assistance, the several county courts are hereby authorized and empowered to afford the said families, during the absence of such recruits in the service of this or the United States, such assistance as the said courts respectively may in their discretion judge adequate and proper.

Expences to be defrayed by the state.

XIII. And be it enacted, That all expences accruing, by granting any assistance to the families of such recruits, be defrayed by the state; and that the said courts have full power and authority to draw upon the treasurers of the eastern and western shore respectively, for any sum of money necessary for defraying such charges.

XIV. And, For the further encouragement of the recruiting officers, to be appointed according to the directions of this act,

Bounty to recruiting officers.

XV. Be it enacted, That a bounty of one hundred acres of land, to be procured and laid out in such manner and place within this state as the general assembly may hereafter direct, shall be given to every such recruiting