

brought by any militia man, or by any two militia men, on or before the twentieth day of May next, shall give a certificate for the same, expressing the name of the recruit so found, and the time he hath engaged to serve, as also the name of the person or persons who found him, and shall keep an exact list of all such recruits so passed, and of all vagrants adjudged as aforesaid, and the field officers are also hereby obliged and required to make such lists of the recruits and vagrants brought before them respectively, and return the same to the county lieutenant on or before the twentieth day of May next.

X. And be it enacted, That every person claiming exemption, by having found a substitute, in virtue of the act, entitled, An act to reinforce the American army, shall notify the same to the lieutenant of his county on or before the twentieth day of May next, or lose the benefit of such exemption, and be subject to the draught as other militia men: And the lieutenant is hereby directed to deduct the exempted persons by this, and any former law, from the number of militia in his county, and send a list thereof to the field officers, and also apportion the men wanted, if any, as near as may be on the whole militia of the county after such deduction.

Persons exempted by a former act to notify the same by the 20th of May.

XI. And be it enacted, That in case the number of men apportioned on each county be not raised, by the methods above specified, on or before the same twentieth day of May next, it shall and may be lawful for the lieutenants of the several counties, and they are hereby required; under the penalty of five hundred pounds currency, to direct the field officers of their several counties, within ten days thereafter, to order the several companies of militia to be called together, at the usual place of meeting in companies, and any field officer of the battalion, so directed by the lieutenant, shall and may proceed to class all the officers and men of the company, above the age of eighteen years, and not exempt by this or any other former law from doing military duty out of the state, into as many classes as there may be men wanted, having regard to property, so as to distribute the same as equally as may be into each class; and every class that shall find one able bodied recruit within five days, and bring the same to the lieutenant of the county or field officer who classed them, shall be exempt from the draught; and the said field officer shall, and he is hereby required, under the penalty of five hundred pounds, to cause all such classes, who do not find such able bodied recruit, to be draughted, whether the persons of whom the class is composed be absent or present. And, in order that the said draught shall be made in a just and impartial manner, such field officer shall call to his assistance any one or more commissioners of the assessment, or other respectable freeholders above fifty years of age, who shall meet at some convenient place immediately after the expiration of the five days beforementioned, and then and there appoint a fit person for their clerk, to take minutes of their proceedings. They shall severally take an oath before some justice, well and truly to execute the powers in them reposed by this act, without favour or partiality; and having taken such oath, they shall proceed to draw out of the several classes, who have not found recruits according to the directions of this act (by ballot, in such manner as the persons constituted as aforesaid shall agree to be fit and just) a man for each class, until all such classes shall be drawn.

In what manner the militia companies are to be classed, &c.

XII. And