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Recruits for
three years en-
titled to the
full bounty,
&c.

XII. And be it enacted, That every recruit, whether procured by militia men or otherwise, who will enlist for three years or during the war, shall be entitled to the full bounty allowed by the act, entitled, An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state in the American army, and furnishing them with cloathing and other necessaries, over and above what may be given him by the person or persons who procure him: And all able bodied recruits, who enlist only for nine months, shall be entitled to no pecuniary reward, other than what they may receive from the persons who procure them; but such recruits, as also the men draughted for nine months, shall be entitled to a suit of cloaths, two shirts, two pair of shoes and stockings, a hat and a blanket, to be found and provided at the public expence, or if found by themselves or any of them, he or they shall be paid a reasonable price for the same.

Militia men
taking up de-
serter, to be
exempt, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That every militia man, who takes up a deserter from the continental army, on or before the twentieth day of May next, and delivers him to the lieutenant of the county, shall be exempt from being draughted for the present year; if two deserters, then to be exempt from such draught for two years, and so in proportion to the number of deserters taken up and delivered as aforesaid; and the said lieutenants shall cause the said deserters to be imprisoned, until they can be sent forward to the American army.

Field officers
to return lists
within five
days, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the several field officers before whom such draughts are made shall, under the penalty of one hundred pounds current money, make out the lists of the draughts before them respectively made, and return the same to the lieutenants of the counties respectively, within five days after such draughts shall be made.

Every 25 men
to be com-
manded by
one commis-
sioned officer,
&c.

XV. And be it enacted, That the said draughts for nine months shall be sent to the American camp, commanded by at least one commissioned officer for every twenty-five men, which commissioned officer shall be taken from among any officers who may be draughted, in such manner as the governor and council shall direct: And if a sufficient number of commissioned officers proper for the purpose be not draughted, then the governor and council are empowered and requested to nominate a number sufficient for the purpose aforesaid, which officers so appointed shall be commissioned by the governor, paid by this state, and take charge of the said draughts, and conduct them to the American camp, and remain with them during the time for which the said draughts are continued in service: And that the governor and council be directed to request the commander in chief to appoint such officers from the regular battalions of this state, to command the said draughts, in conjunction with the officers with them sent, in such manner as to him shall seem proper.

Recruits sub-
ject to the
continental
articles of war,
&c.

XVI. And be it enacted, That all recruits and substitutes for nine months, or three years, or during the war, shall be subject to the continental articles of war, and the men draughted, together with the officers sent from this state, shall not be turned into companies with the regular soldiers, unless by their own choice or voluntary act, and shall be subject only to such rules and regulations as shall be agreed upon by the general assembly of Maryland.

XVII. And