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VIII.

and to order such gallies and boats to cruise in the sound from Hooper's Straits to Watt's Island and the rivers adjacent to the sound, or such other places as they may direct, for the purpose of cutting off the communication between the disaffected and the enemy's shipping, which said gallies and boats shall continue on that station until the governor and council may give further directions therein.

Governor and council to cause an independent company of foot to be raised on the eastern shore, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the governor and council are hereby empowered and requested to cause an independent company of foot, to consist of one hundred men, besides officers, to be raised on the eastern side of Chesapeake Bay, to be stationed in Somerset county, and such other places as they may direct, on the eastern shore of this state; and the faith of the state is hereby solemnly given, that the said company shall not be obliged to march out of the state, and that they be enlisted to serve for three years or during the war, unless sooner disbanded by the general assembly.

Privates to receive 20 dollars bounty, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the privates of the independent company to be raised as aforesaid shall be entitled to receive a bounty of twenty dollars, and the same pay, cloathing and rations which the continental troops are entitled to; and the officers of the said company shall be entitled to and receive the pay and rations of continental officers.

Court-martial may disarm persons who have not taken the oath of fidelity, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That a court-martial, to consist of the lieutenant of the county and any two field officers, or in case of the absence of the lieutenant any three field officers, shall have full power and authority to disarm all such persons who have not taken the oath of fidelity to this state, directed by the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, who in their judgment may be dangerous or improper to be trusted with arms, and to lodge the arms, ammunition, and accoutrements so obtained in the public magazine of the county, or some other place of security; and the lieutenant of the county is hereby authorized and empowered to seize and secure, or cause to be seized and secured, any boats or other vessels, which he has good reason to apprehend will be made use of by the disaffected to keep up or carry on a communication with the enemy.

No person capable of serving as a juror who has not taken the oath of fidelity.

VI. And be it enacted, That no person shall be capable of serving as a juror in any civil or criminal case, who hath not taken the oath of fidelity to this state, directed by the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government.

Governor and council to send to Somerset county part of the companies of matrosses, &c.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the governor and council are hereby empowered and requested to send down to Somerset county such part of the companies of matrosses, now in the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-Town, as they think can be spared, under the command of a resolute and vigilant officer, who shall have orders to take the most vigorous and effectual measures to suppress all insurrections and evil practices of the disaffected, and there to continue until the independent company can be raised, or a sufficient number thereof, to answer the purpose aforesaid.