

V. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be empowered and requested to draw on the sheriffs of the several counties, or any of them, for any money collected in virtue of the law for raising the supplies for the present year, or on either of the treasurers, for such sums of money as may be necessary for the recruiting service; and to apply to congress, from time to time, to furnish such sums as may be necessary, or to reimburse the money advanced by this state: And the governor and the council are hereby further authorized and requested, if they think proper, to appoint by warrant active and spirited persons in each county, to recruit, out of the inhabitants thereof, the number of men allotted to be raised in such county, allowing not more than one recruiting officer to every twenty recruits; and that such officer be furnished with money out of the public treasury, and allowed one hundred dollars for every able bodied recruit by him procured, in full for his trouble and expences; and the governor and the council are requested, if they should esteem it necessary, to write to his excellency general Washington, to send some active officers of the Maryland line to assist in the recruiting service.

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Governor and  
council to  
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VI. And be it enacted, That every recruiting officer, sent down from the regular army to recruit, be allowed at the rate above mentioned for every able bodied recruit by them enlisted:

Recruiting  
officers allow-  
ance, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That the fifty acres of land, given as a bounty by this act, shall be given 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.

Land to be  
given at the  
end of three  
years, &c.

VIII. 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.

Proviso

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

X. 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.

County courts  
to assist fami-  
lies of re-  
cruits, &c.

XI. 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 sums of money necessary for defraying such charges.

Expence to be  
defrayed by  
the state, &c.

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