

manding officer of each company of militia, and the assessors and constables of their county, to give them notice of any persons removing into their county, or arriving to proper age to be enrolled in the militia.

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VI. And be it enacted, That every field officer, the commanding officer of each company of militia, every assessor, and the clerk and the high sheriff of the county (having two days notice from the lieutenant of the county to attend him, as directed by this act) who shall neglect to attend (unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable necessity, and excused for such cause by the lieutenant) shall be fined not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds, in the discretion of the lieutenant, and such fine shall, by warrant from the lieutenant directed to the sheriff of the county or any of his deputies, be levied by distress and sale of any property of the person so neglecting to attend.

Penalty on officers not attending, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That the lieutenant of each county be required, as soon as possible after such list shall be completed, to make a return of the number of men in each company and battalion to the governor and council.

Lieutenant to make return to governor and council, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if any lieutenant shall be absent out of his county, or neglect to execute this act, the eldest colonel of the militia in the county, and if he shall also be absent out of his county, or neglect to execute this act, the colonel next in rank shall have full authority to execute the powers and directions given to the lieutenant of the county by this act.

In case of absence next officer in rank to execute, &c.

IX. Provided, and be it enacted, That nothing in this act shall compel, or be construed to compel, any person exempted from militia duty for finding substitutes in virtue of the act to reinforce the American army, or in virtue of the act to procure troops for the American army, to perform militia duty, or to pay any fine for refusal, during the time for which such person shall be entitled to such privilege or benefit, in virtue of either of the acts aforesaid.

Proviso.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT for the relief of Zachariah Forrest, collector of the tax for Saint Mary's county.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Zachariah Forrest, of Saint Mary's county, that he could not complete his collection of the public assessment for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, by reason of the inclemency of the weather, and the obstructions and difficulties he met with from it, and other matters, in the collection of the said public assessment:

Preamble.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Zachariah Forrest be, and he is hereby allowed until the twenty-sixth day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty, to pay unto the treasurer of the western shore such balance as shall appear to be due, upon a settlement with the commissioners of Saint Mary's county,

Zach. Forrest allowed till June 26 to pay in his balance, &c.