

C H A P.  
IX, X.

third day of March last, be and they are hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full force, until the end of the next session of assembly.

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An ACT to procure recruits to complete the battalions of this state in the service of the United States, and to raise an additional regiment, if necessary.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it has been represented by congress, and by letters from general Washington and the committee of cooperation, that it is absolutely necessary to bring a powerful army into the field this campaign; and it appearing to this general assembly their indispensable duty to make the most vigorous exertions to recruit the quota of troops of this state:

Proportion of  
men to be  
raised in each  
county, &c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That fourteen hundred men be forthwith raised, and that the same be apportioned among the several counties in manner following, to wit: Saint Mary's, seventy-two; Kent, sixty-two; Anne-Arundel, ninety-six; Calvert, thirty-eight; Charles, sixty; Somerset, sixty-eight; Dorchester, Eighty-two; Baltimore, one hundred and forty-six; Prince-George's, sixty-six; Cæcil, sixty-six; Talbot, fifty; Queen-Anne's, eighty; Worcester, seventy-two; Frederick, one hundred and sixty; Harford, eighty-four; Caroline, fifty-six; Washington, sixty-two; Montgomery, eighty. Out of which number, to apportioned, each county shall have a deduction for all able bodied men heretofore enlisted in virtue of the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled, An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state in the American army.

Lieutenant,  
&c. to class  
property, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the lieutenant of the county, and the several field officers, together with the commissioners of the tax in each county, are hereby required, under the penalty of ten thousand pounds each, to meet at the usual place of holding their county courts, on the fifteenth day of July next, and the lieutenant of the county, field officers, and commissioners, or any five or more of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, to class all the property last assessed in their respective counties into as many equal classes as there may be men wanted for such county, and each class shall, within ten days thereafter, find an able bodied recruit to serve during the war, or take up a deserter enlisted to serve during the war, and the same deliver to the lieutenant of the county, to be by him passed, which being done, such class shall be exempt from contributing any property towards finding the men intended to be raised by this act.

To appoint  
persons to re-  
cruit, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any class shall neglect to procure a recruit or deserter as aforesaid, on or before the twenty-fifth day of July next, the lieutenant of the county, and in case of his death, absence, or neglect, any field officer of such county shall, and he is hereby authorized and required, as soon as possible thereafter, to appoint active and proper persons to procure an able bodied soldier for every class in his county neglecting to furnish their recruit as aforesaid, to  
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