

C H A P.  
XXI, XXII.Salted meat  
engrossed to  
be forfeited,  
&c.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall buy up or engross bacon, or salted pork or beef in barrels, with intention to enhance the price thereof, or shall have heretofore engrossed the same, all such bacon or salt provisions so engrossed shall be forfeited to the use of the state, and the same shall be liable to immediate seizure on warrant from a magistrate, and the offender shall be bound over to the general court of his shire, there to be tried according to law.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT to encourage the raising a volunteer troop of light horse in Baltimore-town and each county of this state.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS a number of gentlemen in Baltimore-town have offered to this general assembly to form themselves into a troop of light horse, and to furnish themselves at their own expence with arms, horses, and furniture, and to hold themselves ready to act in any part of this state, in case of invasion, under the direction of the governor and council, without pay, and only to draw rations when in actual service, and represented that they desire no exemption from service out of the state, if necessary, and are willing to perform any duty required of the militia, either by draft or otherwise: And whereas this general assembly highly approve such patriotic and martial spirit, and are desirous of encouraging the same noble, virtuous, and disinterested exertions, in the several counties of this state:

Persons may  
form them-  
selves into a  
troop, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any number of persons not exceeding forty-five, and not less than fifteen, in the town of Baltimore, and each county of this state, may form themselves into a volunteer troop of light horse, and may recommend such persons as they think proper to be captain, lieutenant, and cornet, of such troop; and thereupon the governor and council may appoint and commission such persons to command such troop of light horse, and every person entering into any such troop, and furnishing himself with arms, horse, and furniture, fit for such duty, shall thereafter be discharged from any company of militia to which he belonged, and shall thenceforth be considered as enrolled in such troop of light horse, and shall be obliged to attend his duty in such troop, under the same penalty as is or shall hereafter be imposed on other militia of this state; and every such troop, when in actual service, shall be entitled to the rations and pay for themselves and forage for their horses, allowed by congress to light horse in the service of the United States, and every such troop shall act in any part of this state, in case of invasion, under the directions of the governor and council, and be liable to perform any duty required of any company of militia of this state, by any law now or hereafter to be made respecting the militia, and shall be governed by the same articles of war as the militia now are or shall be subject to by the laws of this state.