

An ACT, entitled, A supplement to the 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.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor and council shall have full power and authority to appoint fit and proper persons to take charge of the recruits raised in virtue of the said act, and to supply such recruits with necessaries, until they arrive at the place or places of rendezvous.

Governor and council may appoint persons to take charge of recruits, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the several lieutenants shall have full power and authority to commit any deserter brought before them respectively to the common gaol, there to remain until a proper military officer is ready to receive such deserter.

Lieutenant may commit deserters to gaol, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the sheriff or deputy sheriff, to whom any warrant from the lieutenant or field officer aforesaid shall be directed, to distrain and sell as aforesaid, shall forthwith give notice to each person in the class named in his warrant of the sum to be paid, and on non payment by every such person respectively, shall proceed to distrain, and after five days notice set up at the most public place on the premises, if the money be not paid, sell the goods and chattels, lands and tenements, classed as by the said act is directed, for ready money, which money shall be immediately on receipt thereof paid by such sheriff or deputy sheriff into the hands of the lieutenant, or field officer issuing such warrant, under the penalty of double the sum so received, to be recovered by such lieutenant or field officer for the use of this state.

Sheriff to give notice, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That sickness or any unavoidable accident shall excuse any person or persons from executing any duties particularly pointed out by this act, and from all the penalties annexed to a breach of such duties.

Sickness, &c. a sufficient excuse, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the governor and council shall have full power and authority to supply the several and respective lieutenants with such sums of money as may be thought necessary to be paid in hand, to the recruits to be procured for the classes aforesaid, such money to be repaid into the treasury with the money raised by distress and sale of the property of the classes not complying with the said act as aforesaid.

Governor and council may supply money, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the form of the warrants to be given by the lieutenants for distress and sale as aforesaid shall be as follows: "I command you, that without delay you distrain of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements, of A. B. and the same sell for ready money, to the amount of _____ and costs of making such distress and sale, and that you immediately, on receipt of such money, deliver the same to me, and this shall be your warrant. Given under my hand, this _____ day of _____ seventeen hundred and eighty." Directed

Form of the warrants.