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XXVII.

Esquires, shall be and are hereby appointed a special council; and that on an invasion of this state by a body of land forces of the enemy, or a land and sea force, or its being imminently threatened against any part thereof, the said special council, or any three or more of them, may and are hereby required to use and exercise all and singular the powers on the eastern shore, that the governor and council of this state may or might exercise according to law, during the time that such invasion shall continue, provided that the said special council shall not remove or appoint any civil officer, and that all militia and military commissions shall be signed by the governor of this state; but in case of actual invasion, the said council may appoint an officer to act in any vacancy in the militia, until the pleasure of the governor and council can be known.

VIII. And, In order that the eastern shore may be immediately provided with arms, and suitable ammunition distributed in such manner, as that the militia may be instantly furnished:

Governor and council to order muskets, &c. to be sent to E. shore.

IX. Be it enacted, That the governor and council are immediately to order two hundred and fifty muskets, four field pieces, two four and two three pounders, and a sufficient quantity of iron shot, twenty barrels of gunpowder, and one third of the lead belonging to this state, to be sent to the eastern shore, one half of the gunpowder and lead to be sent to Chester-town in Kent county, and the other half thereof to Talbot county, to be in the care of the lieutenants of those counties; and the special council are to meet as soon as may be, at such place as the honourable Matthew Tilghman shall assign for that purpose, appoint a proper person or persons to make up the ammunition, and give orders for the distribution and preservation of the arms and ammunition aforesaid, and also for providing two or three ammunition waggons, and a sufficient number of cartouch boxes, wooden canteens, and camp kettles.

Select militia to be exercised, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That the select militia, on the days of their meetings, shall be diligently trained and exercised for at least four hours each day, and that they shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as the militia at large are or may be subject to by law, and shall, under order of the governor and council, march to such place or places as the militia at large may be compelled to march, and when in service the officers and privates shall be entitled to the same pay and rations as officers and privates in the service of the United States.

Rolls to be made out monthly, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That proper pay rolls for each company shall be monthly made out, proved, and returned, to the lieutenant of the county in which the select militia shall respectively be, and on the lieutenant's approving the same, he shall endorse an order on the collector of the tax of his county, or the treasurer of his shore, for payment of the sum due, to the commanding officer of such company, which shall be paid accordingly.

Officers of select militia to take command, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That when the officers of the select militia act in conjunction with the officers of the militia at large, the officers of the select militia shall take command of the officers of the militia at large, where they hold similar commissions, notwithstanding the date of