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An ACT to explain and to enforce the acts therein mentioned.

Preamble.

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**W**HEREAS doubts have arisen concerning the construction of the acts 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, the supplementary act thereto, and the act to expedite the raising an additional battalion of regulars: And whereas it was the intention of the legislature, that all the citizens of this state should contribute a due proportion of property to procure troops for the support and defence of our country, or should render personal service in lieu thereof, and sundry of the citizens of this state have neither paid money, found recruits, or rendered personal service, while others have complied with the intentions of the said acts, by finding recruits, or paying fifteen per cent. on all their property: And it being right and just that the citizens of this state should bear an equal burthen to support a common cause:

Lieutenants to collect the 15 per cent. &c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, and it is hereby declared, That the several lieutenants of this state shall proceed with all possible dispatch to collect the said fifteen per cent. in the hundred pounds on the last assessment, from every person whatsoever, in those counties where there was but one class, whose class did not furnish an able bodied recruit, approved by the lieutenant or some field officer of the county, or did not take up a deserter enlisted to serve during the war, excepting from such collection such persons of any class who may have found substitutes agreeable to the said supplementary law, and any persons who were ordered out in the militia under the acts aforesaid and were fined for not marching; and in those counties where there were two classes, the lieutenant shall proceed to collect the sum of ten pounds in the hundred on all property by the last assessment, of every class, for filling up our quota of the regular battalions, which did not for this purpose find an able bodied recruit as aforesaid, and the sum of five pounds in the hundred upon all property by the last assessment, of every class, for raising the new regiment, which did not furnish an able bodied recruit or take up a deserter as aforesaid, excepting from such collection any persons in either of such classes who may have found substitutes agreeable to the said supplementary law, and excepting also any persons who may have been ordered out with the militia, as aforesaid, and were fined for not marching; and the lieutenants shall also proceed to collect the sums imposed, or to be imposed, upon every pauper, whose class did not find a recruit as aforesaid; and the said lieutenants shall also proceed to collect the fine imposed on every person ordered out in the militia by the lieutenant, field officers, and commissioners of the tax, who did not accordingly march or find a substitute agreeable to law; and the several respective lieutenants shall pay into the treasury of the eastern or western shore, by the twentieth of March next, all such sums of money as they have received, or may receive, in consequence of this act and the acts aforesaid.

III. And,