

state, or new continental bills of credit emitted in this state, at their passing value at the time of the payment thereof.

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XXXI.

V. And be it enacted, That the commanding officers of independent companies, or companies not attached to any battalion, or any two or more of them, may compel attendance of and impose the same fines on the non-commissioned officers and privates of the said companies, for non-attendance on the days appointed by law for the meeting of the militia in companies, or on any other days lawfully appointed by the officers of said companies for their meeting to muster, as the officers of any militia company attached to a battalion are empowered by law to inflict on the non-commissioned officers and privates of their respective companies for non-attendance, and all such fines shall be imposed in specie, payable as before directed, and shall be paid to the lieutenant of their county, to be applied in the same manner as the fines collected in the former case are directed to be applied; and if any commissioned officer of the said companies shall neglect to attend on any of the aforesaid days, he shall be fined by a court-martial, to be appointed by the lieutenant of the county, consisting of the officers of the said companies, in the same sum as is imposed on the commissioned officers of the militia companies attached to a battalion, for non-attendance, which fines shall be collected as aforesaid, and paid to the lieutenant of the county, to be applied in manner above directed.

Commanding officers of independent companies may compel attendance, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the lieutenant of any county, on the transmission to him of any fine imposed by a court-martial, shall and may, by warrant under his hand, directed to the sheriff of his county, direct such fines to be collected by distress and sale of the parties lands, goods, chattels, or other property, and the sheriff shall be entitled to the same execution fees as on collection of the public assessment, and if any sheriff shall refuse or neglect to execute such warrant on any personal property of the person fined, shewn to him by the lieutenant or any other person appointed for that purpose, or if any sheriff shall neglect for twenty days to execute such warrant on any land in his county belonging to the person fined, such sheriff shall for every neglect forfeit one hundred pounds in specie, payable in new bills as aforesaid, one half to the informer, and the other half to the use of the battalion to which the person fined shall belong, and the sheriff shall, within ten days after collection, account for and pay all monies by him received to the lieutenant of his county.

Lieutenants may direct fines to be collected by distress, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That no fine shall be imposed on any militia man or other person in virtue of the said acts, without hearing the party, or his neglect to appear after due notice.

Fines not to be imposed without hearing, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That in case the militia shall be ordered into service, because of an invasion of this state, any militia man able and fit for the service, who shall be ordered as aforesaid, and shall refuse or neglect to attend and do duty in his station as a militia man, may be compelled thereto by force.

In case of invasion, militia may be compelled into service, &c.

IX. This act to continue until the end of the next session of assembly.

Continuance.

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