

XI. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to order, that a fort, of not less than ten nine pounders, with one or two block-houses, be erected and built (with all convenient speed) on Drum-point, at the mouth of the river Patuxent, or at such other place on the said river as they may, after survey thereof, think more proper, for the protection of the trade of this state and the security of the inhabitants on the said river.

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A fort to be built at Drum-point, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That a company of artillery, to consist of one captain and one captain-lieutenant, and sixty-five non-commissioned officers and matrosses, be immediately raised to serve within the state for three years, unless sooner discharged; and that the governor and the council be authorized and requested to appoint and commission brave and experienced officers of the supernumerary officers of this state, if they will accept, to command the said company, and each recruit shall receive a bounty of forty dollars of the new emission, and the pay of forty-five shillings per calendar month in specie, payable as aforesaid, and a bounty of a complete suit of cloaths as aforesaid; and the officers shall receive the same pay in specie (payable as aforesaid) and rations, as regular officers of the same rank in the service of the United States are entitled to receive.

A company of artillery to be raised, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That every recruit, procured in virtue of this act, shall be carried before the lieutenant of the county where such recruit shall enlist, to be passed by him as able bodied and fit for the service; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the lieutenant carefully to inspect such recruit, and to enquire his age, receiving none under sixteen or above fifty, and to examine his ability and health of body, taking care to pass none but such as are perfect in all their limbs and fight, able of body, in sound health, and without ruptures, or any other visible infirmities; and the lieutenant passing any recruits shall return a list thereof to the governor and the council.

Recruits to be passed by the lieutenant, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to direct proper provision to be supplied and furnished for the said recruits.

Governor and council to direct recruits to be supplied with provisions.

XV. And, Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that many of the inhabitants of the islands in this state below Barren-island have received the enemy's cruisers, and aided them with provisions and intelligence:

XVI. Be it enacted, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to take effectual measures to remove all the inhabitants of any island within this state below Hooper's-straits, and between the sound and the bay, with all their stock and other property, to some part of the main, and to seize and sell all vessels, boats, or canoes, belonging to any of the said inhabitants, and such removal shall take place before the first day of May next.

Inhabitants of islands below Hooper's Straits to be removed, &c.

XVII. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any person to live on any of the said islands during the present war, under penalty of forfeiting all property belonging to them found on any of the said islands,

Penalty on persons living on said islands.