

C H A P.
XLIII.

XII. And, Whereas scandalous frauds and abuses have been heretofore committed by some persons, who have sold their servants having but a short time to serve, or engaging recruits for small sums, and turning them over for exorbitant sums:

Lieutenant
may deter-
mine what re-
cruits ought
to have, &c.

XIII. Be it enacted, That in case any servant shall be set free and offered as a recruit, or any free person shall be engaged and turned over as a recruit, the lieutenant of the county may determine what such recruit, under all circumstances, ought to have, and may compel the class for which he shall be passed, by warrant to be issued and executed as aforesaid, to pay the same.

Recruits to
receive
cloaths, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That every recruit obtained in virtue of this act shall be entitled (besides the continental bounty of two hundred dollars) to receive from this state a complete suit of cloaths, to wit: A coat, waistcoat, and breeches, shirt, hat, a pair of shoes, and a pair of stockings, and fifty acres of land to be granted each recruit at the expiration of the war; and each recruit and his property in this state shall be exempt from all taxes during his continuance in service, and for four years after he shall be legally discharged; and no recruit shall be marched out of the county in which he shall have been passed, before he shall have been furnished with every article of the said cloathing.

To be passed
by the lieute-
nant, &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That all recruits raised in virtue of this act shall be carried before the lieutenant of the county in which the recruits are or shall be raised, to pass muster, and shall be passed or rejected by such lieutenant, according as he shall adjudge such recruit to come or not come within the description of proper recruits under this act; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the lieutenant carefully to inspect such recruit, taking care to pass none but such as are within the ages aforesaid, able bodied, perfect in all their limbs and sight, of sound health, and without ruptures or any other visible infirmities; and the respective lieutenants shall keep an exact list of all recruits passed by him, specifying the names of the recruits, and by whom found, and also of all draughts, specifying the militia regiment and company to which they belong, and a copy thereof, under his hand, shall return to the governor and council, and shall deliver the recruits to such persons as they shall appoint to receive and forward the same; and the said lieutenants shall also give to each draught a certificate under his hand of his being such, expressing therein the name of such draught, the militia company and regiment, if any, to which he belongs, and the time for which he was draughted to serve in the regular service; but no imported convict who hath not served his full term of seven years, or British deserter, shall be passed as a recruit within this act; and if any class, by fraud or deceit, shall procure a person to be passed as a proper recruit who ought not to be passed as such under this act, the class for which he was passed shall not be discharged, but shall still be obliged to find a proper recruit.

Governor and
council to ap-
point persons
to provide
quarters, &c.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the governor and council are hereby authorized and requested to appoint proper persons for each county to receive and provide quarters and necessaries for such recruits as may be raised