

raised in virtue of this act, and the same to forward to such place of rendezvous as the governor and council shall direct. CHAP. XLIII.

XVII. And be it enacted, That all money paid by executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees, in consequence of this act, shall be charged by them in their accounts, and the same in value shall be allowed. Accounts of executors to be allowed, &c.

XVIII. And, Whereas it may happen, that one and the same person of the militia may, on account of his property in divers counties or places, be classed in several classes :

XIX. It is hereby declared and enacted, That no person shall be subject, in any event, to the draught but in one class, and that in the county where he resides, and that the finding a recruit by any class shall exempt all the persons of such class from being draughted on the default of any other class in which any of them may happen to be. Persons to be draughted but in one class, &c.

XX. And be it enacted, That if any person shall produce a recruit to the lieutenant before the classing aforesaid, such person may apply such recruit to discharge his own property in the same county to the amount of the said sixteen thousand pounds, or after classing to any class he shall be in, and shall be entitled to contribution as if such recruit was found after classing. Persons finding recruits before classing may apply them to discharge their property, &c.

XXI. And be it enacted, That there shall be allowed to each lieutenant the sum of two Spanish dollars, or the value thereof in bills of credit, for every class in his county, in full for his trouble in the execution of this act, and in lieu of all his expences, except for his clerk, who shall also be allowed one dollar like money for each class. Lieutenants allowance, &c.

XXII. And be it enacted, That if any lieutenant shall be absent out of his county, or shall refuse or neglect to execute this act, the oldest field officer of the militia in the same county who will undertake to act shall have full authority to execute the powers and directions given to the lieutenant of the county by this act, and shall be entitled to the same reward as such lieutenant. Field officer to execute in absence of lieutenant, &c.

XXIII. And, For the discovery of deserters, and the punishment of those who entertain, harbour, or conceal them,

XXIV. Be it enacted, That if, after the first day of March next, any free male person shall entertain, harbour, or conceal, any deserter, knowing him to be such, and shall be thereof convicted before either of the judges of the general court, or any two justices of the peace, such person, so thereof convicted (unless he shall be the father of such deserter) if above sixteen and under forty-five years of age, and able bodied and fit for the service, shall, upon such conviction, be considered as an enlisted regular soldier for the term of three years, and may be taken as such by any officer of the Maryland line; and if any free male person, convicted as aforesaid, shall be the father of such deserter, or of or above forty-five years of age, or unfit for the service, he shall furnish an able bodied recruit for the war, and deliver him to the lieutenant of his county within ten days after conviction, and in case of neglect Penalty on persons harbouring deserters, &c.