

same shall be accepted instead of the horse, and appraised in the same manner as directed as to horses, until the proportion of one waggon for four horses is obtained.

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VI. And be it enacted, That all black cattle, as soon as purchased or seized, shall be branded on one horn with the letter M, and each light horse, as soon as appraised, shall be branded under his mane with the letter M, and all draught horses, as soon as appraised, shall be branded on the near buttock with the letter M, and the persons seizing the said horses shall have them well fed and pastured, and deliver them over to such persons as the governor and council shall direct, and where it may be convenient, the bran and shorts of the public wheat may be applied as forage for the said horses.

Cattle to be  
branded, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That every person above appointed to procure horses shall have full power and authority to purchase corn and provender for the horses by him as aforesaid to be procured, if there is not sufficient in his county belonging to the public, and if the same cannot be purchased to seize and take the same, and to give a certificate therefor.

Persons pro-  
curing horses  
to purchase  
corn, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That no certificate for any horse taken shall be given to the owner, unless the lieutenant, or in his absence the oldest field officer, of the county in which such horse may be taken, shall adjudge the same fit for the service for which taken, but such horse shall be returned to the owner.

Certificates  
not to be giv-  
en for horses,  
unless adjudg-  
ed fit for ser-  
vice, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That if any person, having any of the said articles, shall secrete or fraudulently transfer the same, or send them out of the way to prevent the execution of this act, every article so secreted, transferred, or sent out of the way, or the value thereof, shall, upon the judgment of any two or more justices of the peace, be taken and forfeited to the use of this state.

Articles se-  
creted to be  
forfeited, &c.

X. And be it further enacted, That all certificates granted for any article bought or seized under this act, shall bear an interest of six per cent. from the date thereof, one third part whereof, with the interest thereon due, the owner or holder of such certificate may discount in the payment of his public taxes, and so one third thereof and the interest annually until the whole shall be discharged, which discounts shall be endorsed on the said certificates; and this general assembly do hereby engage to take the most effectual and speedy measures in their power for the immediate discharge of certificates under this act granted to such persons as may not choose to deduct the same out of their annual assessment.

Certificates to  
bear interest,  
&c.

XI. And be it enacted, That in case any person appointed for collecting and seizing horses shall die, or refuse to act, the lieutenant of his county shall appoint another in his stead; and that the persons appointed to purchase or seize cloathing shall be allowed two and an half per cent. for his trouble on the value thereof; and that the persons purchasing or seizing black cattle shall be allowed five shillings per head; and that the person seizing horses shall be allowed twenty shillings for each horse by him seized and delivered over, besides his actual expences

In cas. of  
death &c.  
lieutenant to  
appoint, &c.