

C H A P. XV. the Maryland line as may not be engaged in actual service in the line this campaign, shall and may be appointed by the governor and council to take the command of said battalions.

To be apportioned in each county, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said two battalions be apportioned upon and raised in the several counties, according to the number of militia in each county, as followeth, viz. In Saint Mary's county, sixty-seven; Kent county, fifty-seven; Anne-Arundel county, ninety-one; Calvert county, thirty-four; Charles county, seventy-one; Prince-George's county, seventy-three; Baltimore county, one hundred and twenty-two; Frederick county, one hundred and fifty-one; Washington county, seventy-three; Harford county, sixty-seven; Montgomery county, seventy-one; Cæcil county, seventy-one; Queen-Anne's county, seventy-two; Caroline county, fifty-two; Talbot county, fifty-five; Dorchester county, seventy-six; Somerset county, fifty-five; and Worcester county, seventy-three.

Governor and council to appoint persons to procure volunteers, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That proper persons shall be appointed in each county by the governor and council, to procure the said number of militia men on or before the sixteenth day of July next, by voluntary enrollment, and every person so appointed shall receive thirty shillings as a reward for procuring each recruit; and where several persons are appointed to recruit in any county, he that shall procure the highest number of recruits exceeding twenty, shall be entitled to a commission as lieutenant in one of the companies of said battalions, and he that shall procure the next highest number of recruits exceeding ten, shall be entitled to a commission of an ensign in one of the companies of said battalion; and each recruit entering voluntarily on or before the said sixteenth day of July next, shall be entitled to a bounty of seven pounds ten shillings, over and above pay and rations.

To appoint officers, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the governor and council shall be and are hereby authorized and requested to appoint fit and proper officers out of the Maryland line, not engaged in actual service the present campaign, down to captains inclusive, to command the said battalions and companies, if such officers can be had, and if such officers cannot be had, then to appoint such officers as may be wanted out of those best qualified, who may be willing to accept such commissions.

VI. And, Whereas there are many idle and disorderly persons in the several counties in this state, who pursue no visible means to obtain an honest subsistence, but spend their time in such a manner as to render no service to the community by which they are protected:

Vagrants considered as enlisted soldiers, &c.

VII. Be it enacted, That every such free male idle person above sixteen years of age, and who is able bodied and effective, and hath no family, nor any visible method of getting an honest livelihood, and who may be adjudged by the lieutenant of the county to come under the above description of a vagrant, shall, from and after such adjudication, be considered as a soldier enlisted, and shall have it in his choice whether he will serve until the tenth of December, or enlist for three years or during the war; and such of the said vagrants as do enlist for three years or during the war, shall be entitled to receive a bounty of twenty-two pounds ten shillings, over and above the bounty and other benefits