

C H A P.
XV.Recruits to
receive
cloaths, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That every recruit obtained in virtue of this act shall be entitled (besides the bounty before given) to receive from the state, a cloth coat, a shirt, a pair of shoes, and overalls.

Lieutenant to
call together
the militia in
battalions, &c.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That the lieutenant or eldest field officer in each county, as the case may require, shall have full power and authority, and is hereby required, to call together the militia in battalions, to facilitate the said enrollment, and if necessary the said draught; and if any lieutenant shall be absent out of his county, or shall refuse or neglect to execute this act, the eldest field officer of the militia in the same county, who will undertake to act, shall have full power and authority to execute the powers and directions given to the lieutenant of the county by this act.

Militia subject
to continental
articles, &c.

XII. **And be it enacted,** That the said recruits and militia men, draughted or otherwise procured to go in the above battalions, shall be subject to the continental articles of war; and all freemen, although blacks or mulattoes, who are not deemed vagrants or enlisted as such, shall be taken into the militia and be subject to a draught as above directed.

Any 3 persons
enlisting a
company, en-
titled to com-
missions, &c.

XIII. **And be it enacted,** That where any three persons, to be appointed by the governor and council as herein before directed, shall enlist the whole number of men wanted for that county before the sixteenth day of July next, if the number be equal to that of a full company, to consist of seventy-four non-commissioned officers and privates, such persons shall be entitled to commissions as captain, lieutenant, and ensign, and the militia of such county shall be exempt from the present draught; and if any battalion, upon being called together, shall obtain out of said battalion their proportion of recruits by voluntary enrollment, such battalion shall be excused from any draught.

XIV. **And,** Whereas it is prudent that a body of men should be set apart, armed and disciplined, eventually to be drawn together for the defence of this state, or to reinforce the American army acting in either of the adjoining states, and the general assembly at their last session, with a view to provide a respectable force against an emergency, enacted, that twelve hundred volunteer militia at the least on the western shore, and eight hundred at the least on the eastern shore, should be selected and disciplined agreeable to the act passed for that purpose, and in several of the counties of this state numbers of the militia have enrolled in compliance with the said law, and in other of the counties none of the militia have enrolled, and this general assembly being determined that all common burthens, as justice requires, shall be as equally borne as may be :

Lieutenant to
draw for select
militia, &c.

XV. **Be it enacted,** That in each of the counties of this state, where select militia hath not been, nor shall by the sixteenth day of July next be enrolled equal in number to one fifteenth part of the militia of such county, after deducting the number found by any battalion or any independent company, the lieutenant of such county shall proceed by lot, in the presence of two or more of the field officers of his county, to draw two persons for each of the deficient number on their respective battalions or companies, one of whom, the most proper on consideration