

consideration of all circumstances; shall be by the lieutenant aforesaid appointed and enrolled as of the select militia, and shall to every intent and purpose be considered as a select militia man; provided that in case any person so drawn and appointed shall, within five days thereafter, produce a good effective man, having a fixed residence in the county, who shall be approved by the said lieutenant, and shall enrol to serve as a select militia man in his stead, the person so drawn and appointed shall be discharged, and be entitled to a certificate thereof.

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XVI. **Provided always, and be it enacted,** That no person already enrolled in the select militia, or who shall enrol in the select militia before the said sixteenth day of July, being now enrolled in the militia at large, and having a fixed residence, until the number required shall be made up, shall be subject to be draughted to make up the said militia battalions. Proviso.

XVII. **And be it enacted,** That the lieutenants of the respective counties shall have full power and authority to excuse any indigent person, having a wife and small children, or having two or more small children who depend on his labour only for subsistence, from marching to join the army, or being considered as a soldier enlisted, who hath been or shall be draughted in consequence of the act to procure recruits passed last session, and the money due upon such class, at the rate imposed by the said act, shall be forthwith collected from the persons composing such class, and by the lieutenant sent to the treasurer of their respective shire; and the respective lieutenants shall return to the governor and council a list of all those so excused, and shall return the affidavits of the persons applying to be excused, to ascertain the facts upon which such exemption is granted. Lieutenant may excuse persons having families, &c.

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An additional Supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco.

WHEREAS many of the warehouses, appointed for the receipt and inspection of tobacco by the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, are easily approachable by small bodies of the enemy, and collecting great quantities of tobacco together renders the destruction of such tobacco a considerable object of the enemy: Preamble.

II. **Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That the commissioners of the tax may, by their order, discontinue and put down any inspecting house in their respective county, appoint any one, two or three other places more secure against the depredations of the enemy, for the receipt, inspection, and storing, of tobacco, in the stead thereof; and in case any person shall be desirous of exporting or transporting any tobacco out of this state, not carried to an inspecting house, any inspector may, at the request of the person or persons interested in such tobacco, uncase, view, examine, and inspect, the same, in the same manner as if the same had been carried to his inspecting house, and if he shall be of opinion, that the same is sound, well conditioned, merchantable, and clear of trash, may pass and brand Commissioners of the tax may discontinue inspecting houses, &c.