

C H A P.
XLIII.
Commissioners
to take an oath.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, before they shall proceed to act as such, shall take an oath before some justice of the peace of the same tenor and effect as is herein before directed to be taken by the jurors.

C H A P. XLIV.

Passed 22d of
Dec 1808.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state.

Commanding
officer to ap-
point four
days, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commanding officer of each company shall appoint four days, between the first day of March and the first day of December, in each and every year, for the meeting and exercise of his company, instead of the eight days prescribed by the act to which this is a supplement, and the said companies, being duly notified thereof, shall meet and be exercised on the days so appointed.

Parts of an act
repealed.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all such parts of the act to which this is a supplement, as require each noncommissioned officer and private to arm himself with a good and serviceable firelock, and which impose a fine for the nonperformance thereof, and which authorise a justice of the peace to imprison any delinquent for the nonpayment of any fine incurred under the provisions of this act, or of the act to which this is a supplement, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Fine not to ex-
ceed five dol-
lars, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no fine to be imposed on any noncommissioned officer or private for a violation of any of the provisions of this act, or the act to which this is a supplement, shall exceed five dollars, or be less than twenty-five cents.

Term extend-
ed.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the term of twelve months, mentioned in the fourth section of the act to which this is a supplement, within which each dragoon and each artillerist was to arm and equip himself in the manner therein prescribed, be and the same is hereby extended to the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

Part of a sec-
tion repealed,
&c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all such parts of the eleventh section of the act to which this is a supplement, as fix the annual exempting fine of each quaker, menonist, tunker, or person conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, to five dollars, is hereby repealed, and that the annual exempting fine is hereby fixed at three dollars.

Persons may
join any uni-
form company,
&c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for any person not enrolled in any uniform company, and subject to militia duty, to join any uniform militia company, willing to receive him as a member thereof, although the said company may be attached to a brigade different from the one in which he is or may be enrolled, any thing in the act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding.

Parts of an act
repealed, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all such parts of the act to which this is a supplement, as relate to the mode of collecting fines and forfeitures, be and the same are hereby repealed, and that each officer appointing regimental, extra battalion or company courts martial, for the imposition of fines and forfeitures incurred by violations of the provisions of this act, and the act to which this is a supplement, shall, once in every year, make out three lists of the fines so imposed, and by him not released, one of which lists he shall cause to be delivered to the paymaster of the regiment or extra battalion to which he may belong, one he shall retain himself, and the third he shall transmit to the levy court of the county at their annual meeting, where the delinquents may reside, who shall cause the said list of fines to be collected by the collector of their county, in the same manner, and under the same penalties and conditions, as county levies are; and the said fines, when so collected, shall be paid over by the collector to the paymaster of the regiment, or extra battalion, to which the officer transmitting such list shall belong; and the said collector shall retain the same per centum on all fines and forfeitures, so by him collected, as is allowed him for the collection of county charges; and any officer, neglecting to make out and transmit the said lists at the period aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars for every such offence, not having a reasonable excuse for such neglect, to be recovered as small debts are recoverable, in the name of the state of Maryland, and appropriated, the one half to the informer, the other half to be paid over to the treasurer of the shore whereon the delinquent officer may reside; provided, that nothing in this act contained shall in anywise destroy or alter the power given by the thirty-fourth section of the act to which this is a supplement, by which uniformed militia companies are authorised to determine and declare what and how many days of training they will have throughout the year, over and above the days of exercise