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them, who shall thereupon make the same public by proclamation; and which determination of the said meeting when so published, shall become binding and obligatory upon the field officers, captains and subalterns of all troops concerned, to adopt within six months thereafter, under the penalties imposed for disobedience of orders by the act to which this is a supplement.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each lieutenant colonel is hereby authorised and empowered to call together the commissioned and non-commissioned officers within their respective districts, at least four times a year for drill exercise; and each regiment shall meet at least once every fall at such convenient time and place as the lieutenant colonel may direct; and each squadron shall meet at least once every spring, and oftener if deemed necessary, within the county in which such squadron may belong, at such convenient time and place as the major or commanding officer of such squadron may direct; and each troop shall meet at least eight times in a year, independent of the regimental and squadron meetings, at such time and place within his county as the commanding officer shall direct.

Lieutenant colonels may call meetings of commissioned and non-commissioned officers. Regimental, squadron and troop meetings.

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the brigadier-generals of infantry, may call out that portion of the cavalry which are organized within their respective brigade districts, to attend the brigade or regimental meetings of infantry; *Provided*, They are not taken out of the county where such troop or troops belong, without the consent thereof; and such meetings of cavalry are to be considered as a part of the eight troop-meetings before prescribed by this act.

Brigadier-generals of infantry may call out the cavalry.

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9. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the horse used as a trooper, together with the arms and other equipments belonging to an officer, non-commissioned officer or private of the cavalry of this state, shall be free and exempt from taxation or execution.

Troopers' horses, &c.

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all persons who have, or may in future join the troops of cavalry already formed, or who may form themselves into new troops after the passage of this act, shall be authorised through the commanding officer of his district, to require of the governor and council, the loan of a sword and a pistol for each and every such person; and the governor and council are hereby authorised to make the loan, upon the commanding officer of the troop giving bond with approved security to the state, for the safe keeping and returning of the same when demanded by the state.

Troops of cavalry may require the loan of swords and pistols from the state.