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CHAPTER 114:

An act to provide for the better defence of the state and to prevent the necessity of frequent call of the Militia.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for the defence of this state, and the assistance of any adjoining state, and of the District of Columbia, in case of actual or threatened invasion, there be forthwith raised and kept up by voluntary enlistment for the term of five years, (but should the war terminate sooner, they shall thereupon be discharged,) five regiments of infantry, formed of able bodied white men between the ages of eighteen and fifty years; *Provided* no apprentice or minor be enlisted without the consent of his master, parent or guardian expressed in writing under his order hand first had and obtained; each regiment to consist of two battalions, each battalion of four companies of the line, and one of light infantry or riflemen; and each company, whether of light infantry, riflemen or the line, of ninety privates, six sergeants, six corporals, one drummer and one fifer, with four sappers and miners to each company of the line; also five companies of artillery, one to be attached to each regiment of infantry, and each to consist of fifty six privates, eight artificers, four sergeants, four corporals and two musicians; *provided always*, That the said troops shall not in any case be required to serve in any part of Pennsylvania, west of the Susquehanna, nor north of the counties of Lancaster, Berks and North Hampton, nor in any part of Virginia west of the Blue Ridge, or south of James River; and *provided also*, That the government of the United States shall have declared that the whole or any portion of said troops which may be raised, shall from the period of their being raised, be paid, clothed and subsisted at the expense of the United States, and shall agree to pay, or to reimburse to this state all the expense which may be incurred in raising, equipping and putting the whole or any portion of the said troops into service, or to assume the debt which this state may have incurred for those purposes, and shall likewise make provision by law, authorising the time of service agreeably to the provision of this act.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said troops shall be formed into one division and two brigades, and that for the command of them the following officers shall be appointed, viz: For the division, one major general, with two aids and a secretary to be taken from the captains or subalterns of the division, and shall have the rank of majors; for each brigade, one brigadier general with one aid, one brigade major to be taken from the captains or subalterns of the brigade and to have the rank of captain; for each regiment, one colonel with