

three hours under arms at any one time without allowing them pro- Dec Ses 1817.
per time to refresh themselves.

53. *And be it enacted,* That no officer, non-commissioned officer or private, of the militia, in his attendance at, going to, or returning from muster, shall be subject to arrest for any civil matter, nor shall his military equipments be subject to distress, attachment, or execution for debt. Not to be arrested for any civil matter.

54. *And be it enacted,* That if any officer, non-commissioned officer, or private, who may have provided himself with uniform and arms, or who hath been uniformed in pursuance of the provisions of this act, or who hath received arms the property of the state, shall appear on parade at any of said meetings without said arms and uniform, he shall be fined a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, in the discretion of such court martial as the case may require. Penalty for not appearing properly equipt.

55. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of each company district, before the first day of October in each year, to make return in writing, on oath, of all Quakers, Menonists, Tunkers, and persons conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms, exempt from militia duty under the provisions of this act, to the commanding officer of the regiment or extra battalion to which he belongs, under a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars, to be imposed by such court martial as the case may require, for every neglect or refusal so to do; and it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of each regiment and extra battalion, on or before the last day of December in each year, to cause two lists of all such persons, and of the sums of money by them respectively payable, as a consideration for their exemption from militia duty, to be made out under his hand, one of the said lists to be retained by himself, and the other to be delivered to the collector of his regiment or extra battalion, who shall collect and pay over the same, in the same manner, and upon such conditions, as other fines and forfeitures under this act; and either of said commanding officers, neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of this section, shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, in the discretion of such court martial as the case may require. Persons conscientiously scrupulous.

56. *And be it enacted,* That if any officer or private shall think himself injured by the commanding officer of his regiment or extra battalion, and shall, upon due application made to such commanding officer, be refused redress, he may complain to the brigadier general of his brigade, who on finding that the person complained of has violated this law, shall order such court-martial as the case may require for the trial of such offence, which said court may punish the offender by cashiering, reprimanding, suspending, or fining not exceeding fifty dollars, in their discretion; and if any non-commissioned officer or private shall think himself injured by his captain or other superior officer of the regiment, extra battalion, or company, to which he belongs, he may complain to the commanding officer of the regiment, or extra battalion, who shall order such court-martial as the case may require for the trial of such offence, which said court may punish the offender by cashiering, reprimanding, suspending, or fining not exceeding fifty dollars, in their discretion; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this section, he shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars, in the discretion of such court-martial as the case may require. Officers, &c. conceiving themselves injured by a superior may appeal.