

of the Gospel regularly ordained, licensed or recognized by any Religious Society, shall be liable to militia duty or such regulations as are prescribed by the provisions of this act.

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2. *And be it enacted,* That the said citizens shall be and are hereby formed into a Division to be called the Third Division, and to be commanded by a Major-General, who shall be entitled to the usual Staff Officers.

Third division.

3. *And be it enacted,* That all such part of the said city as lies east of a line drawn from the north side of the Basin and extending north along the middle of Calvert-street to the limits thereof, shall be divided into two equal parts as nearly as practicable; and each of said divisions shall be laid off into eleven company districts, ten of which shall constitute the Sixth Regiment of Infantry, and ten the Twenty-seventh Regiment of Infantry; and all such part of the said city as lies west of said line and south of the Basin, shall be divided into two equal parts as nearly as practicable, and each of said Divisions shall be laid off into eleven company Districts; ten of which shall constitute the Thirty-ninth Regiment of Infantry, and ten the Fifty-second Regiment of Infantry; and the four remaining company districts laid off as above directed and not allotted to the said Regiments of Infantry, shall be, and are hereby attached to and form a part of the Second Regiment of Artillery.

Districts.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the First and Second Regiments of Artillery shall be, and are hereby formed into a Brigade, to be called the First Brigade of Artillery, with the usual Field and Staff Officers.

Brigade of Artillery.

5. *And be it enacted,* That the First and Second Battallions be, and are hereby formed into Regiments to be called the First and Second Regiments of Riflemen, with the usual Field, Company and Staff Officers.

Rifle Regiments.

6. *And be it enacted,* That the four Companies of Cavalry authorised by the act of 1822 to be raised and attached to the Fourteenth Brigade, be, and are hereby formed into a Regiment to be called the Twelfth Regiment of Cavalry, with the usual Field, Company and Staff Officers.

Twelfth Regiment of Cavalry.

7. *And be it enacted,* That the Governor and Council shall issue commissions for the Field and Staff Officers of said Regiments of Riflemen and Cavalry as aforesaid, or any of them, whenever the Commanding Officer of the Brigade to which they, or any of them, are attached shall apply for the same, provided that such application shall not be made for either Regiment of Riflemen unless it has six or more companies, or for said regiment of cavalry unless it has four companies equiped agreeably to the provisions of this act; and until any of the said Regiments shall have such complement of companies, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor and Council upon the application of the commanding officer of the brigade to which they, or any of them are attached, to issue commissions for officers for such portion of any of said regiments as may already be raised, or which may hereafter be raised according to the following rule, viz: For any number of companies in either of said regiments of riflemen more than and less than six; and for any number of companies in said regiment of cavalry less than three, a full complement of field and staff officers, with the exception of a colonel, and the said officers respectively shall execute all the duties required by this act, in the same manner and under the like penalties as if said regiment had its full complement, and if any of the said regiments should not be entitled

Field & Staff Officers to be commissioned, &c.