

*Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That two thousand nine hundred and two men be raised, including the two artillery companies already marched to camp, and such volunteers as have been already obtained by recruiting; and that one hundred and sixty men being deducted for the said two artillery companies, the remaining two thousand seven hundred and forty-two men be apportioned among the several counties, according to the number of militia in each county.

Out of which number, so apportioned, each county shall have a deduction for all able bodied men heretofore enlisted in virtue of the act, entitled, An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state, in the American army, and furnishing them with cloathing and other necessaries.

*And be it enacted,* That every idle person above eighteen years of age, who is able bodied and hath no fixed habitation, nor family, nor any visible method of getting an honest livelihood, and who may be adjudged by the lieutenant of the county, or any field officer, to come properly under the above description of a vagrant, shall from and after such adjudication, be considered as a soldier enlisted, and have it in his choice, whether he will serve for nine months, or enlist for three years or during the war.

*Provided nevertheless,* That the governor and council shall have full power and authority, . . . to discharge any person adjudged a vagrant, if in their judgement such person does not answer the above description.

*And be it enacted,* That no British prisoner or deserter, nor any convict, until his original term of service is expired, shall be enlisted or deemed a proper recruit, nor any servant whatever, until emancipated and set at liberty

*And be it enacted,* That all recruits, in virtue of this or the before recited act, shall be carried before the lieutenant of the county or some field officer in which the recruits are or shall be raised, to pass muster”

DORSET COUNTY, 1778.

John Pennington—a substitute

A List of Substitutes furnished under the Act, entitled, “An Act to procure Troops for the American Army,” passed in March Session, 1778. Anne Arundel County.