

more-town being limited to nominate and appoint weighers of hay between the first and last day of November yearly, and praying relief; therefore, C H A P. LII.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of Baltimore-town, or a major part of them, shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at any time in the year, as well as between the first and last day of November yearly, during the continuance of the act to which this is a supplement, to nominate, appoint and licence, any number of persons, not exceeding five, of good repute and skill, to be weighers of all hay brought to and sold within the said town. Commissioners may at any time nominate, &c.

C H A P. LIII.

An ACT to regulate and discipline the militia of this state.

Passed December 28.

**W**HEREAS the congress of the United States, by their act, entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, have enacted as follows, to wit: "Be it enacted, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That each and every free able-bodied white male citizen of the respective states, resident therein, who is or shall be of the age of eighteen years, and under the age of forty-five years, (except as is herein after excepted,) shall severally and respectively be enrolled in the militia, by the captain or commanding officer of the company within whose bounds such citizen shall reside, and that within twelve months after the passing of this act. And it shall at all times hereafter be the duty of every such captain or commanding officer of a company, to enrol every such citizen as aforesaid, and also those who shall, from time to time, arrive at the age of eighteen years, or being of the age of eighteen years and under the age of forty-five years, (except as before excepted,) shall come to reside within his bounds; and shall, without delay, notify such citizen of the said enrolment, by a proper non-commissioned officer of the company, by whom such notice may be proved. That every citizen so enrolled and notified, shall, within six months thereafter, provide himself with a good musket or firelock, a sufficient bayonet and belt, two spare flints, and a knapsack; a pouch with a box therein, to contain not less than twenty-four cartridges suited to the bore of his musket or firelock, each cartridge to contain a proper quantity of powder and ball; or with a good rifle, knapsack, shot-pouch and powder-horn, twenty balls suited to the bore of his rifle, and a quarter of a pound of powder, and shall appear so armed, accoutred and provided, when called out to exercise or into service, except that when called out on company days to exercise only, he may appear without a knapsack. That the commissioned officers shall severally be armed with a sword or hanger, and esponton; and that from and after five years from the passing of this act, all muskets for arming the militia as herein required, shall be of bores sufficient for balls of the eighteenth part of a pound; and every citizen so enrolled, and providing himself with the arms, ammunition and accoutrements, required as aforesaid, shall hold the same exempted from all suits, distresses, executions or sales, for debt, or for the payment of taxes. And be it further enacted, That the vice-president of the United States, the officers, judicial and executive, of the government of the United States, the members of both houses of congress, and their respective officers, all custom-house officers, with their clerks, all post-officers, and stage drivers who are employed in the care and conveyance of the mail of the post-office of the United States, all ferrymen employed at any ferry on the post-road, all inspectors of exports, all pilots, all mariners actually employed in the sea service of any citizen or merchant within the United States, and all persons who now are or may hereafter be exempted by the laws of the respective states, shall be and are hereby exempted from militia duty, notwithstanding their being above the age of eighteen, and under the age of forty-five years. And be it further enacted, That within one year after the passing of this act, the militia of the respective states shall be arranged into divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions and companies, as the legislature of each state shall direct; and each division, brigade and regiment, shall be numbered at the formation thereof, and a record made of such numbers in the adjutant-general's office in

Preamble.