

produce their accounts and discharges therefor to the board of auditors, on or before the third day of the next session of assembly, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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XVII.

VI. **And**, whereas sundry persons, during the said invasion, have made seizures of private property, contrary to law, for the use of this state, and the owners of such property have been paid therefor by the legislature, **Be it enacted**, That all persons, having made seizures as aforesaid of property since paid for by this state, are by this present act indemnified, discharged and released, from any claim, action, indictment or other legal process, to which they might have been liable in consequence of having made such seizures.

Persons indemnified who had seized private property, &c.

VII. **And**, whereas at the time of the late invasion of this state, substitutes were provided, hired or procured, by several of the field officers of the militia, in the place of persons enrolled in the militia, and not officers thereof, who refused or neglected to find sufficient substitutes in their place to march and act in the militia ordered as aforesaid to march out of this state, **Be it enacted**, That every person who refused or neglected to find a substitute in the militia ordered to march out of this state as aforesaid, and for whom a substitute shall have been found by any field officer, shall be charged with and liable to pay such sum of money, together with reasonable expences of procuring such substitute as any field officer shall have actually paid, or contracted to pay, for the providing and hiring such substitute, and such money and expences as aforesaid shall and may be recovered in the same manner as substitute money by the act to regulate the militia, and if such substitute money and expences have been recovered, such recovery shall be good in law, and all persons indemnified and saved harmless for obtaining and making such recovery.

Persons who refused to march to pay for substitutes; &c.

VIII. **And**, whereas substitutes could not be procured in the place of several persons enrolled in the militia, who were ordered out of this state as aforesaid, at the time of the late invasion thereof, **Be it enacted**, That every person enrolled in any company of any battalion ordered out as aforesaid, who neglected or refused to yield his personal service, and for whom a substitute was not found, shall be charged and liable to pay such sum of money as the whole money paid for the substitutes provided for the draught of the battalion to which such person belonged will average for each substitute, and such average money shall and may be recovered by distress and sale in the same manner as substitute money by the act to regulate the militia.

Persons who refused to serve to pay, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted**, That all militia commissions which have been issued in virtue of the powers delegated by the governor for the purpose of nominating and appointing officers, are and shall be ratified, confirmed, and deemed good and valid.

Militia commissions confirmed.

X. **And be it enacted**, That if any person or persons shall be sued or impleaded in any court or courts for acting in obedience to the orders or directions of the governor and the council, in any of the cases herein mentioned, such person or persons may, upon the general issue being pleaded, give this act and the special matter in evidence.

Persons sued, &c. may give this act in evidence.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT to ascertain the allowance of justices, jurymen, witnesses and constables.

To continue in force twelve months. Expired.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT to enable the judges of the general court to appoint their clerks, and to empower such clerks to provide repositories for the records.

For the purpose of appointing clerks, the judges are required to meet at Annapolis and at Talbot court-house, whenever any two of them shall think proper; and any one of them so meeting may appoint the respective clerks, who are to provide repositories agreeably to the direction of the judges at the public expence.