

THE STATUTES AT LARGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

CHAPTER MCCCXXVI.

AN ACT FOR FURNISHING THE QUOTA OF TROOPS REQUIRED BY CONGRESS FOR THE PROTECTION OF [THE] WESTERN FRONTIERS AND OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the United States in congress assembled by their resolution of the third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven reciting, that whereas the time for which the greater part of the troops on the frontiers are engaged will expire in the course of the ensuing year did resolve, that the interests of the United States require that a corps of seven hundred troops should be stationed on the frontiers to protect the settlers on the public lands from the depredations of the Indians, to facilitate the surveying and selling of the said lands, in order to reduce the public debt and to prevent all unwarrantable intrusions thereon; and also that in order to save the great expense of transporting new levies to the distant frontiers of the United States, and also to avail the public of the discipline and knowledge of the country acquired by the troops on the frontiers, it is highly expedient to retain as many of them as shall voluntarily re-engage in the service; and did therefore further resolve that seven hundred non-commissioned officers and privates be raised for the term of three years, unless sooner discharged, and that the same be furnished by the several states therein named in

certain specified proportions, whereof the quota or proportion of this state is required to be two hundred and sixty.

And whereas the legislature of this commonwealth in compliance with the said requisition of congress is desirous to facilitate the measures of the United States in the most speedy and effectual manner.

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That there be forthwith raised and levied by voluntary enlistment in this state two hundred and sixty able bodied men to be arranged as non-commissioned officers and privates in the service of the United States to continue for and during the term of three years unless sooner discharged.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supreme executive council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint and commissionate the proportion of officers to be furnished by this state according to the seventh article of the confederation and perpetual union, and agreeably to the establishment mentioned in the resolutions of Congress herein in part recited.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said officers and men shall severally and respectively when embodied be and they are hereby declared to be liable and subject to such rules and regulations as Congress or a committee of the states have formed or hereafter shall form for the government of the troops or army of the United States and that the pay, rations and subsistence of the said officers and soldiers shall be agreeable to the act of congress of the twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, provided that all such pay, rations, subsistence and other expenses of supporting said troops be furnished and provided by the United States.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the president and the supreme executive council be and they are hereby authorized and em-

powered to draw on the treasurer of this state in favor of the commanding officer of the said troops for the sum of five hundred and twenty dollars for the purpose of giving two dollars advance to each non-commissioned officer and private that shall be enlisted, which sum shall be charged to the United States and repaid to this commonwealth out of the first month's pay to be drawn for said troops, and also that the said president and supreme executive council draw in manner aforesaid for the further sum of two hundred and sixty dollars to be distributed by the said commanding officer for the expenses of the recruiting service in such manner as to him may appear reasonable and just.

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CHAPTER MCCCXXVII.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAGES OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE CONVENTION, AND TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF HOLDING THE SAME.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it [is] necessary to determine the allowance to be made to the members of the state convention which is to be held for the purpose of considering the proposed federal constitution and also to provide for the same, together with the incidental expenses of the said convention.

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the same allowances be made of wages and mileage to attending members of the state convention as is now made to the members of the general assembly, and that the same together with the incidental expenses of the convention be paid by warrant on the state treasurer and drawn by the president or chairman of the convention, and countersigned by the comptroller-general.

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