

at each application in such places not otherwise appropriated by acts of assembly of this commonwealth as shall in the whole amount to the said quantity of five thousand acres with the usual allowance and the surveyor-general shall receive and enter all such warrants in his office and issue copies thereof directed to his deputies in the different counties and districts within the state and the said deputies shall duly execute the same and make returns thereof and thereupon such proceedings shall be had and patents or grants of confirmation for the same shall be issued and granted to the said trustees of the said academy in like manner and form and having like force and effect as the like proceedings and patents have been and are conducted and granted in case of private persons making application for and taking up lands under the laws of this commonwealth, provided that no warrant issue for less than five hundred acres and that the same be included in one survey.

[Section VIII.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every the tract and tracts of land hereby directed to be surveyed for the use of the said academy shall be so done at the charge of this state and the president or vice-president in council are hereby authorized and empowered to draw orders on the treasurer of this state to pay and defray all the charges arising thereupon.

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CHAPTER MCCCXXXIX.

AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACTS FOR THE REGULATION OF THE MILITIA OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the present laws for the regulation of the militia of this commonwealth prove very burthensome and expensive to those who spend their time in attending on muster days as well as to those who from conscientious scruples or otherwise neglect or refuse to give such attendance and

more especially as the benefits derived or which can possibly be expected to be derived to the state under the present system are by no means proportionate to the certain loss and expense incurred thereby:

And whereas it is conceived that the present laws for the regulation of the militia of this commonwealth might be rendered less burthensome by lessening the days of exercise and improved by furnishing the militia with powder in order to go through their firings on such days as may be thought necessary for them to attend on military duty.

[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 lieutenant of the city of Philadelphia and of the several counties within this commonwealth are hereby empowered and required to furnish the officers commanding battalions or corps for every militiaman bearing arms in such battalions or corps within the city and several counties aforesaid with thirteen cartridges for the purpose of going through their firings every battalion day whereon by law they are required to attend military duty and to apply so much of the money arising from fines on delinquents for their non-attendance on militia duty as will defray said expense. Provided always, That the delivery of cartridges by the commanding officers respectively shall be confined to the men actually under arms and if such commanding officers respectively shall have received more cartridges than are necessary agreeably to this [act] for the number of men actually appearing under arms on the parade, they shall return the overplus agreeably to a field return to be delivered to the respective county lieutenants in convenient time after each battalion day.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act the fine on non-commissioned officers and privates for non-attendance on militia duty every battalion day whereon by law the enrolled militia within this commonwealth are required

to attend militia duty shall be the sum of seven shillings and six pence and no more.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the act of general assembly entitled "A further supplement to the act entitled an act for the regulation of the militia of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania,"¹ as requires the enrolled militia to meet in companies on the several days therein mentioned and which imposes a fine of five shillings on such as neglect or refuse to meet on such days of exercise, is hereby repealed and made null and void, anything in the several laws of this commonwealth for the regulation of the militia contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

And whereas several of the freemen of the city of Philadelphia with a view to render themselves as useful to their country in the character of militia as possible have voluntarily associated and formed themselves into a troop of light dragoons and are desirous of being authorized and established as such by law:

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in addition to the troop of militia light dragoons for the said city already formed under the laws of this commonwealth, there shall be one other troop of light dragoons for the said city formed by volunteer association of the freemen of the said city (including those persons who have already voluntarily associated and formed themselves as aforesaid) to consist of one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one cornet, four sergeants, four corporals, one farrier, one thumpeter and sixty-eight privates, which said additional troop shall be under the like rules and regulations with the other militia troop of light dragoons within this commonwealth and the officers of the said corps shall be accordingly and in like manner commissioned by the supreme executive council.

And whereas some of the militia of this state have voluntarily formed themselves into companies of light armed infantry

¹Passed March 21, 1783, Chapter 1022.

and have attached themselves to the battalions from which they have been respectively formed and others influenced by their example may be desirous of forming like companies from other battalions.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) Therefore be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the volunteers composing the aforesaid companies of light infantry to elect by ballot one captain, one first and one second lieutenant and that the non-commissioned officers of such companies shall be appointed in like manner as is usual in the other militia and the said companies respectively may consist of sixty-eight men, exclusive of officers provided such number have joined or hereafter shall join such companies, and shall be attached to and act with the battalion from which they are or shall be formed and be subject to like rules and regulations as the other militia of this state.

[Section VI.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever forty volunteers from any battalion within this commonwealth shall [signify] to the commanding officer thereof their intention of forming a company of light infantry and shall be willing to equip and clothe themselves in uniform for that purpose, it shall be lawful for them to elect their officers and thereafter they may consist of like number and shall be governed and regulated in like manner as the companies mentioned in the section last preceding.

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