

CHAPTER MCLXXI.

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AN ACT FOR FURNISHING THE QUOTA OF TROOPS REQUIRED BY CONGRESS FOR THE PROTECTION FOR THE NORTH WESTERN FRONTIERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the United States in congress assembled by their acts of the first, seventh and twelfth of April last, have declared that a body of troops to consist of seven hundred non-commissioned officers and privates be raised to serve for the term of three years, unless sooner discharged, for the protection of the north-western frontiers, to defend the settlers on the land belonging to the United States from the depredations of the Indians and to prevent unwarrantable intrusions thereon, and for guarding the public stores, and have recommended that this state do furnish two hundred and sixty of the said seven hundred men, and to be subject to all the rules and regulations formed for the government of the late army or such other rules as congress or a committee of the states may form: And whereas the legislature of this commonwealth in compliancè with the requisition of congress and desirous to facilitate the measures of the United States in the most speedy and effectual manner:

Therefore,

[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 private soldiers 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 to the arrangement adopted and executed last year for the regiment commanded by Lieutenant-colonel Harman.

[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 all the rules and regulations as congress or a committee of the states have or shall hereafter 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 men shall be agreeable to the act of congress of the twelfth of April last, provided that all such pay, rations, subsistence and other expenses of supporting the 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 empowered 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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