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SATURDAY, November 15, 1794.

Form the uncertainty of the arrival of the post at this place, and by the request of a number of subscribers to the CENTINEL, we are induced to fill the first, or part of the first page of each week's paper with the Laws of the Territory; which we hope will be agreeable and useful to the citizens of this Territory.

CHAPTER I.

A LAW for regulating and establishing the Militia in the Territory of the United States north-west of the river Ohio, published at the city of Marietta, upon the twenty fifth day of July, in the thirteenth year of the Independence of the United States, and of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, by his Excellency Arthur St Clair, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief, and by the Honourable Samuel Holden Persons and James Mitchell Varnum, Esquires Judges.

ALL male inhabitants between the age of sixteen and fifty, shall be liable to and perform military duty, and be formed into corps in the following manner.

Sixty four rank and file shall form a company. Eight companies shall form a battalion. Two battalions shall form a regiment.

There shall be appointed to each company, one captain, one lieutenant, one ensign, four serjeants, four corporals, one drummer and one flier. To a battalion there shall be appointed, one lieutenant colonel, one major, and one adjutant. To a regiment one colonel.

The corps shall be divided into senior and junior classes.

And whereas in the infant state of the country, defence and protection are absolutely essential, all male inhabitants of the age of sixteen and upwards, shall be armed, equipped and accounted in the following manner:

With a musket and bayonet, or rifle, cartridge box and pouch, or powder horn and bullet pouch, with forty rounds of cartridges or one pound of powder and four pounds of lead, priming wire and brush and six flints.

ably discharged therefrom, and all such as have been graduated in colleges or universities, shall compose the senior class. Males above the age of fifty shall be liable to military duty in cases of actual invasion only, and then at the direction of the commander in chief. Officers of civil government appointed by Congress or commissioned by the government are exempted from the duties aforesaid.

If any male inhabitant shall neglect or refuse to appear at the fixed times and places of parade by this law established, he shall be fined in the sum of twenty five cents, unless he shall render an excuse to the satisfaction of the commanding officer of his corps. If any male as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to appear at such a time and place as the commander in chief shall specially direct, for muster, review and exercise, he shall be fined in the sum of fifty cents, unless excused as aforesaid.

If any male as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to appear upon the order of the commander in chief, or other officers as aforesaid, for guards or other ordinary military duty, or refuse to perform the same, he shall be fined in the sum of one hundred cents which offences shall be heard and determined by the officers of the company to which the offender may belong, and upon conviction, a warrant or distress shall issue from the commander of such company, directed to either of the serjeants of the same requiring him to collect the fines aforesaid, and pay the same into the treasury of the town, city or county wherein the conviction shall have taken place, within twenty days next after issuing such warrant. For the second, and all succeeding offences in the cases before mentioned, the persons charged with having committed the same, shall be heard, tried and sentenced by courts martial.

If any male inhabitant as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse, to appear and perform his duty under the orders of the commander in chief, against an enemy invading the territory, or shall refuse disobey or neglect the orders given by his officers, or any of them, in time of action, he shall be deemed guilty of cowardice and desertion, and be heard, tried, and sentenced by a court martial.

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And whereas for securing the principles of defence and protection, it is necessary to be assembled upon certain times, and at certain places for examining and inspecting the arms and accoutrements, and for disciplining the men in a soldierly manner: And whereas the assembling of the members of community at fixed periods, conduces to health, civilization and morality: and such assembling without arms in a newly settled country, may be attended with danger—Therefore the corps shall be paraded at ten o'clock in the morning of each first day of the week, armed, equipped and accoutred as aforesaid, in convenient places next adjacent to the place or places already assigned, or to be assigned for public worship: at other times and places, the corps shall be paraded for muster, exercise and review as the commander in chief may direct. And whereas in the present state of the territory it is necessary that guards be established: the commander in chief, and the commanding officers of counties, and of smaller districts shall make such detachments for guards and other military duty as the public exigencies may in his, or their opinion require.

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All officers shall be attentive to the forming, disciplining, parading, and commanding their respective corps, and to such other duties as shall respectively bind them by this law, and by the orders from time to time to be given by the commander in chief.

If any officer shall be guilty of a breach of this law, or in any respect violate, or neglect his duty, he shall be heard, tried, and sentenced by a court-martial.

A court martial shall consist of not more than thirteen members, nor less than five, (whereof one at least shall have rank superior to that of a captain.

A court-martial shall be appointed by the commander in chief, or the commanding officers of a regiment or battalion: but the commander in chief only shall have the power of approving and carrying into effect sentence of courts-martial, whereby the punishment shall be capital, or an officer cashiered.

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C H A P T E R II.

A LAW for establishing General Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace (and therein of the power of single justices,) and for establishing