

No. 2.

AN ACT supplementary to an act, entitled "an act relating to the Militia."

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:

SEC. 1. That the first section of the fifth title of the act to which this is a supplement, be so far amended, and its operation suspended, as to dispense with the annual meetings of the militia by regiments and separate battalions, unless such meetings be specially ordered and directed, according to the provisions of such section, by the commanding officer of a regiment or separate battalion.

Regimental musters discontinued, unless specially ordered.

SEC. 2. The commissioned and non-commissioned officers, and musicians, of each regiment and separate battalion in the territory, shall rendezvous within their respective districts, not less than one nor more than three days successively, between the first day of June and the first day of October annually, for the purpose of disciplining and improving in martial exercise. The day and place of rendezvous shall be prescribed by the commanding officer of the regiment or separate battalion. So much of the seventh section of title five of the act to which this is a supplement, as is herein altered and supplied, is hereby repealed.

Commissioned officers, &c to meet annually

SEC. 3. In addition to those persons who are now by law exempt from the performance of militia duty, all persons who shall have uniformed and equipped themselves as volunteers in any company of mounted men, or of infantry, artillery, or riflemen, and shall have served therein for the continued term of six years; and all persons who shall have held a commission as an officer of any company of volunteers or militia for the term of six years; and all persons who by the laws of the state or territory wherein they formerly resided, would by virtue of such services be entitled to exemption from militia duty, shall be exempt from the performance of the same in this territory, except in cases of insurrection, invasion, or on requisition according

Exempts

to the constitution and laws of the United States and the laws of this territory.

Swords, &c. to be received of U.S. as part of quota due the territory.

SEC. 4. The adjutant general is hereby authorized and required to receive from the government of the United States, as part of the quota of arms due to this territory under the act of Congress, passed the twenty-third day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eight, entitled "an act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States," a sufficient number of swords and pistols, and rifles and the necessary accoutrements therefor, to enable him to carry into effect the militia laws of this territory.

Companies of mounted volunteers and riflemen to be armed and equipped by the same.

SEC. 5. The non-commissioned officers and privates of every company of mounted volunteers and of riflemen, which shall be organized according to law, and the officers thereof duly commissioned, shall be entitled to receive from the territory the proper number of swords and pistols, rifles and accoutrements necessary for their equipment, the same to be issued under the direction of the commander in chief, and delivered by the adjutant general out of the quota of arms which the territory may receive from the government of the United States. And before the adjutant general shall issue and deliver any such arms or accoutrements to any such company of mounted volunteers or riflemen, sufficient security shall be taken by him, in the name of the territory, from such company receiving such arms and accoutrements, for the return and delivery of the same in good order and condition, upon the dissolution of the same, or when lawfully required; unless such arms or accoutrements, or any part thereof, shall have been accidentally destroyed by fire, or otherwise, while in the possession of such company.

Blank forms to be furnished by the adjutant general.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the adjutant general, on or before the first day of May annually, to procure a sufficient number of printed blank forms of regimental and company returns, embracing such matters as are properly returnable to his office by law, and the same to distribute in proper proportions to the commanders of the several regiments and separate battalions; and it shall also be the duty of such commanders to distribute the said blank forms amongst the company officers in their several commands, within ten days after the receipt of the same;

and it shall be the duty of the several officers commanding companies of militia, immediately to enrol according to law all persons subject to military duty within the bounds of their respective companies, and to return the muster rolls to the commanding officers of the several regiments and separate battalions, on or before the first day of June, annually; and it shall be the duty of such commanders to make return of all such muster rolls, and the regimental or battalion roll, to the adjutant general, within ten days thereafter.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the adjutant general, at the expense of the territory, to procure for the use of his office, a book in which shall be by him recorded the names of all the officers of the militia and volunteers in the territory, and the divisions, brigades, regiments, separate battalions and companies in which they have been respectively commissioned, resignations, removals or deaths, and the same from time to time to correct, so that the actual state of the militia and volunteers as officered, may accurately be ascertained; and he shall deliver the same to his successor in office.

Adjutant general to keep a register of the names of militia officers.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the adjutant general to pay from time to time, out of any public moneys in his hands, all expenses necessarily incurred in his office, or by commanders of divisions, brigades, regiments and separate battalions, for printing general, special, or regimental orders, and all postage bills for official correspondence in relation to the militia, and all incidental expenses necessarily incurred in the transmission throughout the territory of arms and accoutrements, drums, colours and books of discipline, for military purposes; and the adjutant general shall annually settle and adjust his accounts of receipts and expenditures with the auditor general; and the same shall be laid before the Legislature at their next annual session, yearly thereafter.

Expenses of office—how to be paid.

Approved, February 19th, 1841,