

# HOUSE....No. 186.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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### BILL IN RELATION TO THE MILITIA.

[Amendments adopted March 24.]

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Section 13, line 3, strike out "all" and insert "any portion of."

Line 4, strike out "twenty-six" insert "thirty."

Section 16, strike out the four first lines and insert

1 "The standing militia shall consist of one regi-  
2 ment of cavalry, containing twelve companies, five  
3 batteries of artillery, such companies of heavy artil-  
4 lery and riflemen as the good of the service demands,  
5 and the remainder of infantry."

Section 29, strike out the first fifteen lines and insert as follows:—

1 "The staff officers in the militia shall be appointed  
2 in manner following:—

3 The adjutant-general and assistant adjutant-gene-  
 4 ral, the quartermaster-general, the general of artil-  
 5 lery, the general of engineers, the surgeon-general,  
 6 the judge-advocate general, the aids to the comman-  
 7 der-in-chief, and the military secretary, by the com-  
 8 mander-in-chief; the division inspectors, quartermas-  
 9 ters, and judge-advocates, by the respective major-  
 10 generals and approved by the commander-in-chief.

11 The aides-de-camp of major-generals and division  
 12 engineers, by the respective major-generals."

Thirtieth line, after "militia" insert "and persons above the age of forty-five years."

Section 27, line 30, after the word "regiment" insert the words "of infantry and riflemen."

After line 35, insert—

1 "To each regiment of cavalry there shall be one  
 2 colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, three majors, one sur-  
 3 geon, two assistant-surgeons, one adjutant, one quar-  
 4 termaster, one chaplain, one sergeant-major, one  
 5 quartermaster-sergeant, one veterinary surgeon, two  
 6 hospital stewards."

Line 42, after "armorers," insert "who shall be one of the non-commissioned officers."

Line 55, after "wagons," insert the words "two trumpeters."

Section 53, line 3, strike out "major-general," and insert, "officer commanding the division."

Section 68, 7th line, after "office" insert "a first clerk at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars, and a second"

After section 79, insert new sections as follows:

## THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

1     SECT.     The quartermaster-general, under the  
2 direction and supervision of the commander-in-chief,  
3 shall purchase and issue all ordnance stores, artillery,  
4 arms, and accoutrements, camp equipage, and military  
5 stores, except such as are directed by law to be pur-  
6 chased and issued by other officers. He shall provide  
7 means of transport for the implements, munitions of  
8 war, and military supplies, and shall be the keeper of  
9 the public magazines and property therein. He shall  
10 give bond to the state in the penal sum  
11 thousand dollars, with two sureties at least, to be  
12 approved by the governor and council, faithfully to  
13 discharge the duties of his office, to use all necessary  
14 diligence and care in the safe keeping of military  
15 stores and property of the Commonwealth committed  
16 to his custody, to account for the same and deliver  
17 over to his successor or to any other person authorized  
19 to receive the same, such stores and property.

1     SECT.     In time of peace the duties of the  
2 quartermaster-general shall devolve upon and be  
3 performed by the adjutant-general.

1     SECT.     The judge-advocate general shall have  
2 the supervision, care and management of all things  
3 relating to the administration of justice among the  
4 militia. He shall examine the proceedings of all  
5 courts martial, when submitted to him by the com-  
6 mander-in-chief or a major-general, and report thereon,  
7 and under the order of the commander-in-chief shall  
8 act as judge-advocate at any court martial when the  
9 public interests requires his attendance.

1 SECT. The surgeon-general shall, under the  
 2 direction of the commander-in-chief, have supervision  
 3 and control over the medical department of the  
 4 militia, and examine all surgeons and assistant-sur-  
 5 geons when thereto required, and report such examina-  
 6 tions to the commander-in-chief.

Section 80, line 3. After the word "such" insert the words  
 "swords and."

Section 87, line 2. Strike out the word "and" and insert at  
 the end of the line, the words "and national."

Section 112, line 2. Strike out the words "on the first  
 day." In line 3 strike out the words "on the last day."

Section 122. Strike out all before the word "commuted,"  
 in the 7th line, and insert—

1 "The ration shall be the same as is furnished to the  
 2 United States army. Its commutation price shall be  
 3 thirty cents; and in all cases except when the militia  
 4 is called out for active service, the ration may be  
 5 commuted by the State under a general order, or by  
 6 the election of a regiment or company giving notice  
 7 thereof by its commander, to the quartermaster-gen-  
 8 eral's department, ten days at least before an encamp-  
 9 ment of the same. If the rations are not."

Section 129, lines 2 and 3. Strike out the words, "one of  
 whom shall be a major-general."

Section 165, line 7. Strike out "twenty-five" and insert  
 "twenty-four."

Add to section 166 the words, "nor from calling out any  
 portion thereof for defence of the seacoast or to serve in forti-  
 fications."

Section 170, line 8. After "day," insert "and one ration."

*Amendments proposed to Section 8.*

By Mr. WARREN, of Lynn :—

Add the following certificate to the certificate in Section 8 :

1 I, A B, truly affirm under the pains and penalties of perjury,  
 2 that I, A B, profess the religious faith of the \_\_\_\_\_, and am  
 3 a member of the society of \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, and am  
 4 religiously and conscientiously opposed to bearing arms.

5 \_\_\_\_\_ Signed, \_\_\_\_\_.

6 Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, Justice of the Peace.

By Mr. THOMPSON, of Attleborough :—

Strike out from line 12 to line 17, inclusive.

By Mr. SHOREY, of Wayland :—

In lines 9, 10 and 11, strike out “pilots and mariners employed in the sea service of a citizen or merchant within the United States.”

By Mr. JOHNSON, of Oxford :—

In lines 8 and 9, strike out “and their clerks.”

By Mr. H. A. STEVENS, of Boston :—

In line 8, strike out “custom-house officers.”

By Mr. SANFORD, of Taunton :—

In line 19, after “justices” insert “and clerks.”

By Mr. WATERS, of Sutton :—

Strike out all after “duty” in line 31, to the end of the 32d line.

By Mr. MOSELEY, of Springfield :—

Strike out lines 30, 31 and 32.

