

HOUSE...No. 18.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1861.

The Committee on the Militia, to whom was re-committed the "Bill in relation to the Volunteer Militia," have considered the same, and report the accompanying Bill in a new draft.

Per Order,

F. J. COFFIN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-One.

AN ACT

In relation to the Volunteer Militia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 SECT. 1. The volunteer militia companies, as now
2 organized, with their officers, shall be retained in the
3 service; and hereafter, as the public exigency may re-
4 quire, the organization of companies of artillery may
5 be authorized, on petition, by the commander-in-chief,
6 with advice of the council, and the organization of
7 other companies may be authorized, on petition, by
8 the commander-in-chief, or by the mayor and alder-
9 men or selectmen, by his permission; but all addi-
10 tional companies, battalions and regiments which may
11 be organized under the provisions of this act, with the
12 exception of such *companies* as shall be attached to
13 battalions and regiments now in the service, shall be

14 disbanded at the expiration of one year from the pas-
15 sage of this act, unless the legislature shall otherwise
16 order. Battalions of infantry and riflemen shall con-
17 sist of not more than four companies, and regiments
18 of infantry and riflemen shall consist of not more than
19 eight companies. Companies of cavalry shall be lim-
20 ited to eighty privates, and a saddler and a farrier ;
21 companies of artillery to forty-eight cannoneers, twenty-
22 four drivers, and a saddler and a farrier ; the cadet
23 companies of the first and second divisions to one
24 hundred, and companies of infantry and riflemen to
25 fifty privates.

1 SECT. 2. The fourteenth section of the thirteenth
2 chapter of the General Statutes, and all laws or parts
3 of laws now in force, limiting the number of the vol-
4 unteer militia, are hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

