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AN ACT
IN RELATION TO THE MILITIA AND A GUARD
FOR HOME DEFENCE.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the exemptions from the service in the Militia of the State shall be for the same causes, and to the same extent and no farther, than are prescribed in the acts of Congress of the Confederate States, providing for the enrollment of men for the public defence and granting exemptions from the same, called the conscription and exemption acts.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Governor to cause to be enrolled as a guard for home defence all white male persons, not already enrolled in the Militia of the Confederate States, between the ages of eighteen and fifty years, resident in the State, including foreigners not naturalized, who have been residents in the State for thirty days before such enrollment, excepting persons filling the offices of Governor, Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts of Law and Equity, the members of the General Assembly and the officers of the several Departments of the Government of the States, Ministers of the Gospel of the several denominations of the State charged with the duties of churches, and such other persons as the Governor may, for special reasons, may deem proper subject of exemption.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That all persons above the age of fifty, who may volunteer for service in said guard for home defence, and shall be accepted by a Captain of a company for the same, shall be deemed to belong thereto, and shall be held to serve therein, either generally or for any special duty or expedition as the commanding officers of regiments or companies, according to the nature of the particular service in question may determine.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That all persons enrolled in the Militia of the State, and not naturalized, between the ages of eighteen and fifty years, resident in the State, including foreigners not naturalized, who have been residents in the State for thirty days before such enrollment, excepting persons filling the offices of Governor, Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts of Law and Equity, the members of the General Assembly and the officers of the several Departments of the Government of the States, Ministers of the Gospel of the several denominations of the State charged with the duties of churches, and such other persons as the Governor may, for special reasons, may deem proper subject of exemption.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall cause all persons enrolled in pursuance of the two preceding sections of this act to be enrolled into regiments, battalions, and companies, the names and numbers of such companies, and thence into battalions or regiments, brigades and divisions according to his discretion, and he shall appoint the field officers of such battalions, regiments, brigades and divisions, and shall issue commissions in due form to all the officers aforesaid.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That members of the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, may be exempted from the provisions of this act by paying the sum of one hundred dollars according to the ordinance of the Convention of the State, and shall be certified the 1st day of May, 1864. Provided, that when a Quaker shall have paid the said levy of his property the sum of five hundred dollars under the act of Congress called the conscription law aforesaid, he shall not be required to pay any sum of money for his exemption under this act.

Sec. 7. That the said guards for home defence may be called out for service by the Governor in defense of the State against invasion, and to suppress invasion, either by regiments, battalions, or companies, *en masse*, or by drafts or volunteers from the same as he, in his discretion, may direct; shall be under his command through the agents of the State, and as such will be voted for by the Legislature.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That the Governor, furnished with the arms, accoutrements and ammunition of the State when called as aforesaid into active service, and shall prescribe rules for their return and to prevent the want, destruction or loss of the same.

Sec. 9. Be it further enacted, That all laws and clauses of laws, coming within the meaning and purview of this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. Be it further enacted, That the commissions of officers of the Militia, called into service by this act, are suspended until after the passing of this service.

Sec. 11. Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force from the date of its ratification.

Ratified the 7th day of July, 1863.]

Amendments to the above Law.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE MILITIA AND A GUARD FOR HOME DEFENCE.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That neither the Governor nor the officers acting under an act ratified on the 7th day of July, 1863, entitled "An act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence," shall call out for drill or muster the persons enlisted in the field, or for service for a month in camp drill, or otherwise, more than twelve years, but in drill, which battalion drills shall take the place of the company drills for the month in which they are appointed, unless when called into actual service to repel invasion, or suppress insurrection, or to execute the laws of the State.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall have the power to use the Guards of Home Defence for the purpose of arresting rebels and deserters. Deserts and traitors shall not be ordered upon this duty beyond the limits of the county in which they reside.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That in addition to the exemptions contained in the act to which this is an amendment, there shall be exempt from military service the persons appointed under an act entitled "An act for the relief of wives and families of soldiers in the army," regular milles, blacksmiths who have established shops, necessary operatives in factories and foundries, the Attorney General, Solicitors of the several circuits and counties, physicians of five years practice, contractors with the State or Confederate government, one editor to each newspaper, and notary publics, medical carriers, professors in colleges and teachers in academies. Provided, that this exemption shall only apply to the drills specified in this bill, and not to service when the Guard for Home Defence is called into the field.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That for failure to attend the battalion or regimental drill, each field officer shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars; each Captain and other officers who shall fail to muster and drill their companies at the times appointed, shall forfeit and pay for each failure fifty dollars, and if a non-commissioned officer fails to muster and drill at any drill, he shall forfeit and pay not less than five dollars, and not more than twenty-five dollars; Provided, that every offender shall be allowed, until the next muster to make his excuse. The fines shall be adjudged by regimental and company courts-martial, and judgments are to be entered up and the fines collected in the same mode and in accordance with the provisions of the Militia Law of North

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Carolina, passed at the second extra session of the General Assembly, 1861.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the Surgeon General, by and with the advice and consent of the Governor, may appoint surgical boards, not exceeding three, composed of two physicians each, who shall declare by their certificates those persons who shall be exempt from service under the act to which this is an amendment, on account of mental or physical disability, and they shall receive the pay of their rank and traveling expenses, to be determined by the Adjutant-General.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That the Guard for home defence, should they be called into service by the Governor, shall receive the same pay, rations and allowances as soldiers in the Confederate States service, and shall be subject to the rules and articles of war of the Confederate States.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That when the pressure of public danger shall not prevent the observance of such a rule, the said Guard for home defence shall not be called into service on board the drafts of a number of men, and such a convention at company, so as to obviate the aggregate force required.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force and take effect from and after its ratification. Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1863.

**ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE
OF Messengers
OF THE SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY
At Charlotte Office, Daily.**

ARRIVES.

From Char. & S. C. Railroad 7:30 A. M. and 3 P. M.
N. C. Railroad 6:20 " 4:30 "
A. T. & O. Railroad 9:00 "
W. C. & R. Railroad 7:30 P. M.

DEPARTS.

N. C. Railroad 6:20 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.
Char. & S. C. Railroad 6:00 " 4:30 "
W. C. & R. Railroad 7:30 "
A. T. & O. Railroad 4:00 P. M.

MONROE.

It is desired that all Parcels, Packages or Freight to be forwarded by either of the above Trains, be sent to this Office One Hour previous to its departure.

T. D. GILLESPIE, Agent.

Charlotte, Sept. 7, 1864. — tf

EXPRESS NOTICE.

Office SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY, [Charlotte, Sept. 24, 1864.]

In order to avoid misunderstanding and to make our charges conform to the established rates, we announce hereby giving notice that from and after October 1st, 1864, shippers will be required to place their valuation upon each package before it will be received.

Such valuation will be inserted in the Company's receipt, and establish the liability of the Company for the amount. The act of God and the public enemy only excepted.

T. D. GILLESPIE, Agent.

Sept. 28, 1864.

Announcement.

We, several citizens of Union county, announce C. R. WALKUP, of the 4th N. C. Regt., as a candidate for the Senate, to represent the district composed of the counties of Union and Anson.

March 15 te-pd of Union County.

For the Legislature.

We, several citizens of Union county, announce C. R. WALKUP, of the 4th N. C. Regt., as a candidate for the House of Commons from Mecklenburg county.

April 11, 1864 te-pd.

Announcement.

We, several citizens of Union county, announce C. R. WALKUP, of the 4th N. C. Regt., as a candidate for the House of Commons from Mecklenburg county.

May 30, 1864 te-pd.

For the Legislature.

We, several citizens of Union county, announce C. R. WALKUP, of the 4th N. C. Regt., as a candidate for the House of Commons from Mecklenburg county.

June 20, 1864 te-pd.

Announcement.

We, soldiers, respectively announce THOMAS R. MAGILL as a candidate for the House of Commons for Union county, at our next regular election in August, and as such will be voted for him.

MANY SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY.

December 22, 1863 te-pd.

For the Legislature.

We, soldiers, respectively announce Capt. J. E. Moore as a candidate for the House of Commons from Union county, at the election in August next, and oblige HIS FRIENDS.

June 27, 1864 te-pd.

Announcement.

We, soldiers, respectively announce THOMAS R. MAGILL as a candidate for the House of Commons for Union county, at our next regular election in August, and as such will be voted for him.

MANY SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY.

January 1, 1864 te-pd.

Announcement.

We are authorized to announce WM. C. SMITH as a candidate for re-election to the Senate of North Carolina, for the counties of Union and Anson.

June 27, 1864 te-pd.

Announcement.

We, soldiers, respectively announce Capt. J. E. Moore as a candidate for Sheriff of Union county at the next regular election in August, and as such will be voted for him.

MANY SOLDIERS IN THE ARMY.

December 22, 1863 te-pd.

Card.

Lincolnton, N. C. June 3, 1864.

Mr. YATES: Having been asked by persons in several companies from this County and numerous citizens, to announce myself a candidate for re-election to the next Legislature, in the event of my being elected, to the extent of my knowledge, I have much said about filling the offices with men beyond the military age, it is due to myself and to the people for me to state that I am within the military age, but it is well known to all who know me, that I have been an invalid for the last six years and entirely unfit for military service. I will further state, that I have been before an examining board and discharged. But, whilst I have not been able to go to the army, I have endeavored to discharge my duty faithfully as a citizen and representative, and will be content with the decision of the people upon my merits.

A. COSTNER.

June 6, 1864 te-pd.

Announcement.

Being absent in the battle field, I adopt this method of declaring myself a candidate for Sheriff of Lincoln County, having served as Deputy for eight years. I feel myself equally competent to fill the important position, and I hereby respectfully solicit the aid of my friends at home to elect me.

JOHN M. MICHAL,

Co. K, 4th N. C. Troops

Lincolnton, May 25, 1863.

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J. B. KERR.

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J. W. DERR,

Spring Hill Forge.

July 1st, 1863. te-pd.

NOTICE.

The firm of WILLIAMS, OATES & CO., is this day (Jan. 1st, 1864) dissolved by mutual consent. All persons interested will call and close their accounts with either of the undersigned.

L. S. WILLIAMS,

L. W. SANDERS.

January 12, 1864.

BLANK DEEDS, Warrants, Ejectments, &c.

for sale at this Office.

The Peoples' Ticket.

FOR THE SENATE,
COL. WILLIAM J. GRIER.

FOR THE COMMONS,
R. D. WHITLEY,

GO. A. 4th N. C. Cavalry,

March 28, 1864 te-pd

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