

respective regiments, shall have power, from time to time, to alter, divide, and arrange, the companies in their regiments, agreeable to the rules aforesaid.

§ V. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the AUTHORITY aforesaid, That all male persons from forty to sixty years of age, and capable of bearing arms, who are exempted by the first section of this Act, from common and ordinary trainings, and are not included in that part of the Militia called the training band, shall constitute an alarm list, (excepting only members of Congress, of the Senate and House of Representatives, Secretaries, Ministers of the Gospel, President, and Officers and Students of Colleges, Preceptors and Assistants of Academies, and their Students for the time being, people called Quakers having a certificate from the clerk of their societies, Ferry-men, Indians, Negroes and Mulattoes,) and shall, in all respects, be equipped with arms and accoutrements, as is by this Act directed for those of the training band : and those of the alarm list shall, by the respective brigadiers, be divided into companies, not to exceed ninety-six, nor less than thirty-two, in number : which companies so divided and formed, are to be commanded by a captain, holding the rank of colonel ; a lieutenant, holding the rank of lieutenant-colonel ; and an ensign, holding the rank of major ; and are to be elected by the major part of the alarm list present ; the brigadier, or such field-officer as he shall order, being present, and presiding at said election : and are to proceed to the choice of non-commissioned-officers in the same manner as companies in the training band ; each company is to be provided with one drummer and one fifer.

Alarm List.

Persons ex-  
empted.

§ VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY AFORESAID, That the commanding-officer of each alarm company, shall, once in every six months, call his company together, and examine their arms and accoutrements ; and every deficiency of arms or accoutrements, neglect of duty, or disobedience of orders, in any of the persons who compose the alarm list, shall be punished in the same manner as by this Act is provided against those of the training band.

Alarm List to  
be mustered  
twice a year.

§ VII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY aforesaid, That every non-commissioned officer and soldier, both in the alarm list and training band, shall be provided, and have constantly in readiness, a good musquet, and a bayonet fitted thereto, with a

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good scabbard and belt, a worm, priming-wire and brush, a cartridge-box that will hold, at least, twenty-four rounds, six flints, and a pound of powder, forty leaden balls fitted to his gun, a knap-sack, a blanket, and a canteen that will hold one quart. Such of the training band as are under the care of parents, masters, or guardians, are to be furnished by them with such arms and accoutrements; and such of the training band, or alarm list, as shall be unable to furnish themselves, shall make application to the selectmen of the town, who are to certify to his captain, or commanding officer, that he is unable to equip himself; and the said selectmen shall, at the expence of the town, provide for, and furnish, such person with arms and equipments; which arms and equipments shall be the property of the town at whose expence they are provided: and if any person, so furnished, shall embezzle, or wilfully destroy, the same, he shall be punished by any court proper to try the same, upon complaint made by the selectmen of said town, by being publickly whipped, not exceeding twenty stripes: and the selectmen of each and every town shall provide one-twentieth part as many spades, or iron shovels, with handles, as there are rateable polls in said town; and an equal number of pickaxes, narrow axes, and hoes, one-third of each kind, and deposit the same in some safe place, for the use of the Militia, upon an alarm; the expence of which is to be borne by the town: and the selectmen of each town are to provide, at the cost and charge of said town, one drum and one fife, for the use of each company belonging to said town; and are hereby empowered to tax the polls and estates of the inhabitants of their respective towns, to defray the expences which they may be compelled, in consequence of this Act, to lay out.

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§ VIII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all captains and subalterns be furnished with a half-pike, an espartoon, or fusée and bayonet; and also with a sword, or hanger; and that they provide themselves with those arms, within one month after receiving their commissions, under penalty of being cashiered by sentence of a court-martial.

Train-Bands  
— By whom  
returns are to  
be made.

§ IX. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY aforesaid, That the several captains, and commanding officers of companies, in the train bands, shall cause true and accurate returns, of their companies, to be made to the colonel, or officer commanding the  
regiment