

ACTS
AND
RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

General Court of Massachusetts,

IN THE YEAR

1866,

TOGETHER WITH

THE CONSTITUTION, THE MESSAGES OF THE GOV-
ERNOR, LIST OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT,
CHANGES OF NAMES OF PERSONS,
ETC., ETC., ETC.

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SECTION 179. No citizen of the Commonwealth above the age of forty-five years shall, on account of such age, be ineligible to office in the militia, nor incapable of serving in a volunteer company, and no citizen of the Commonwealth, otherwise qualified, shall be ineligible to office in the militia from not having been enrolled therein.

Citizens above forty-five years of age not ineligible.

Unenrolled citizen.

SECTION 180. The commander of a regiment may discharge any non-commissioned officer or private in the regiment, whenever the captain of his company unreasonably refuses to make application for such discharge under the provisions of section twenty-six of this act.

Discharge of soldier, captain refusing to apply.

SECTION 181. The commander-in-chief may, whenever in his opinion the interests of the service require it, discharge any non-commissioned officer or private of a volunteer company.

Governor may discharge.

SECTION 182. The minimum number of privates to any company shall hereafter be forty.

Minimum of company.

SECTION 183. Any company now organized, or that may hereafter be organized under the provisions of this act, may be disbanded and their officers discharged by the commander-in-chief, whenever the number of privates duly enrolled therein for active service duty shall be less than forty: *provided*, that such officers shall first have returned or accounted to the quartermaster-general for all uniforms, arms, equipments and other property belonging to the Commonwealth for which they may be responsible.

Company of less than forty may be disbanded.

Proviso.

SECTION 184. It shall not be lawful for any body of men whatsoever, other than the regularly organized corps of the volunteer militia, the troops of the United States, and the ancient and honorable artillery company, and the veteran artillery association of Newburyport, to associate themselves together as a military company or organization, or to parade in public with arms in any city or town of this Commonwealth, without the license of the governor thereof, which may at any time be revoked; nor shall it be lawful for any city or town to raise or appropriate any money toward arming, equipping, uniforming or in any way supporting, sustaining or providing drill-rooms or armories for any such body of men: *provided*, that associations wholly composed of soldiers honorably discharged from the service of the United States, may parade in public with arms, upon the reception of any regiments or companies of soldiers returning from said service, and for the purpose of infantry escort duty at the burial of deceased soldiers, having first obtained the written permission so to do of the mayor and aldermen or selectmen of the cities or towns in which they desire to parade.

Military organizations, certain, forbidden, unless licensed by governor.

Towns not to raise money for.

Proviso: discharged U. S. soldiers may parade as burial escort.