

*Attorney-General:* ISIDOR RAYNER, (Democrat,) of Baltimore City.

Mr. Isidor Rayner was born in Baltimore fifty years ago. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1870, and then studied law. Soon after his admission to the bar he attracted public attention by his ability as a lawyer and an advocate. In 1878 he was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates. In 1886 he was elected to the State Senate. In that body his course was so brilliant that in 1888 he was nominated for and elected to Congress from the Fourth District. His record there was a splendid one, and he was returned in 1890 and 1892. He was, while in Congress, a member of Committees on Foreign Relations and on Coinage and Currency, and took a most prominent position before the country in the important debates upon the floor. Mr. Rayner is known to the general masses of the people by his powers as a public speaker, always commanding attention, whether in court or on the hustings. He has taken a leading part for his party in the State and the country in all political discussions of the times.

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*Adjutant-General:* GEN. JOHN S. SAUNDERS, (Democrat).

Gen. John S. Saunders was born at Norfolk, Virginia, on the 30th day of January, 1836. His father, grandfather and great grandfather were successively officers of the Navy and Army of the United States. At the age of 15 he entered St. James College, Md. He was appointed a cadet to West Point at large, by President Franklin Pierce in 1854, and graduated No. 5 in his class June 11th, 1858. He was temporarily assigned to the Artillery Arm on graduating, but in September was transferred to the Ordnance Department, where he served until his resignation was accepted in April, 1861. He entered the C. S. A. soon afterwards, and served as Ordnance Officer in Richmond, Virginia; Chief of Artillery at Norfolk, Virginia; Vicksburg, Miss; in field with Army N. Virginia; in command of battalion of artillery and Assistant Inspector General C. S. A., surrendering as Assistant Ordnance Officer Army N. Virginia, at Appomattox with General Lee.

He came to Maryland in 1867, settling in Baltimore, where he has resided since. He entered the Maryland National Guard as Inspector General of Brigade on May 7th, 1887, with the rank of Colonel, resigning his commission to accept the appointment of Adjutant General of the State of Maryland, February 7th, 1900.