

meet on the first Mondays of March and September in each year, and at such other times as the adjutant general, who shall be the president of said board, shall deem necessary, upon notice by him to the remaining members of the board, for the purpose of auditing and adjusting all military claims incident to the organization, maintenance and discipline of the national guard, and which, on approval of said board endorsed thereon, shall be paid as herein provided.

1896, ch. 89.

**41.** No bill or allowance shall be paid unless said bill or allowance is itemized and its correctness duly sworn to or affirmed before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths and affirmations.

Ibid.

**42.** The commander-in-chief, within the limits of the appropriation by act of the General Assembly, shall authorize the adjutant general to furnish the necessary arms and equipments to such regiments and separate organizations of the Maryland National Guard as are authorized by this article; and the commanding officer of each company or the officer receiving the same shall give a good and sufficient bond to the State of Maryland, to be approved by the adjutant general, for the safe keeping and return of such arms and equipments; and said arms and equipments shall remain and continue to be the property of the State to be used for military purposes only, and shall be returned to the State when called for by the commander-in-chief; provided, however, that all arms, ammunition, equipments or other supplies directed to be furnished by the Governor under the provisions of this article shall be so furnished by contract made with the lowest responsible bidder upon public notice, unless an emergency shall require immediate action; and the officer making such contract shall certify the account with explicit vouchers and transmit the same, countersigned and approved by the Governor, to the comptroller for final settlement in the mode and manner prescribed in the constitution for the audit and payment of claims against the State.

Ibid.

**43.** Any officer receiving arms and equipments or other public property for military use shall be accountable for the