

lar channels to the Commander-in-Chief, and if the Commander-in-Chief shall adjudge a person unqualified for the office to which he has been elected or nominated, as aforesaid, another person shall, within twenty days after due notice of such adverse decision, be elected or nominated, and in default of such election or nomination the vacancy may be filled by the Commander-in-Chief. All officers whose election or nomination, as set forth in this Article, shall be approved by the Governor and Commander-in-Chief shall be duly commissioned by him.

Approval by
Governor.

15. Every commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer and private, before he enters upon his duties or exercises any command, shall take and subscribe in such manner and before such person as the Commander-in-Chief may direct, the following oath or affirmation, viz: "In the presence of Almighty God, I ——, do solemnly promise (or declare) that I will bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and will support the Constitution thereof." "In the presence of Almighty God, I, ——, do solemnly promise (or declare) that I will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon me, according to the best of my ability and understanding, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland." "In the presence of Almighty God, I, ——, do solemnly promise (or declare) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the laws made in pursuance thereof." Which oath or affirmation shall be duly certified by the person before whom the same is made, and said certificate, together with the surgeon's certificate provided for by this Article, shall be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief through the proper channels.

All officers
shall make
oath, etc.

Form of oath

16. All persons who shall have successfully passed the required examinations and have made the oath or affirmation prescribed by the preceding section, shall be deemed to be enlisted and mustered into the Maryland National Guard, commissioned officers until their commissions shall have been duly vacated, and non-commissioned officers and privates for the period of three years from the date of such enlistments, unless sooner discharged by proper authority.

Terms of com-
mission and
enlistment.

20. The First Brigade shall be inspected under orders and conditions to be prescribed by the brigade commander not less than twice a year, and oftener if authorized by the Commander-in-Chief; and the Naval Brigade shall be inspected by some officer designated by the Commander-in-Chief, and under orders and conditions prescribed by him, as often as he may think necessary, but not less than once a year.

Inspection of
Brigades.