

shall receipt therefor, in duplicate, which receipt shall or may be pleaded as a discharge of said member's bond.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of every uniformed and draughted company of militia, to order every member, who is about to retire, or to be discharged from the company under his command, to re-deliver to him the arms and accoutrements belonging to the state, which such member had received and had not returned; and in case any person shall refuse or neglect to comply with such order, for more than four days after he shall be notified thereof, the commanding officer, who gave the order, shall forthwith certify such neglect or refusal to the sheriff of his county, who shall thereupon proceed to make and collect, in the name and to the use of the state, the sum of fifteen dollars, from such delinquent, by the same means, and in the same mode and manner, that he would or might adopt or pursue, to make the sum of any judgment debt, upon an execution issued to enforce the same.

Duty of officer to require the return of arms

Notify neglect to sheriff.

Who shall proceed as under judgment for 15 dollars.

SEC. 18. *And be it enacted,* That the governor and council shall, from time to time, adopt such measures, and give such orders, as they shall deem necessary, for the collection, preservation, distribution, delivery, and re-delivery, of the arms, accoutrements, and ammunition, belonging to this state; and provide and issue such ammunition as, in their opinion, may at any time be necessary; and to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for the cost and expense thereof, in favour and to the order of the person or persons furnishing the same, or performing the said service, or any part thereof.

Executive authorized in regard to arms and accoutrements.

And of expenses.

SEC. 19. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of each uniformed and of each draughted company of militia in this state, annually, in the month of September, to inspect the arms and accoutrements of the company under his command, and to transmit, without delay, a report thereof, by mail, to the adjutant-general's office, to be therein recorded, and to cause a copy of said report to be entered in a company book which he shall keep for that purpose, distinguishing therein the arms and accoutrements that belong to the state, from those which belong to individuals; and in case any of the arms or accoutrements, so inspected, or subject to be inspected, shall not be in good order, it shall be the duty of the commanding officer, making the inspection and ascertaining this fact, in his discretion, to order or cause such arms and accoutrements to be repaired by, or at the cost of the person using and having the care thereof, and the expense of such repairs shall be paid by such delinquent to the artificer making the same, and be recoverable as if the delinquent private had given the order to such artificer.

Annual inspection.

Report.

Repairs.

Expense thereof.