

- his command on service ; but no militia officer, other than the commander-in-chief, shall order out any part of the militia of this state, to suppress any insurrection or opposition to the laws within the same, unless required so to do ; if in the city of Baltimore, by the mayor of said city, or the chief justice or associate justice of Baltimore city court, or the chief justice of Baltimore county court, in writing ; and if in any county out of said city, then not unless required so to do by three justices of the peace, under their hands and seals ; and it shall be the duty of every officer who shall order any of the militia of this state on service, to communicate to his superior officer and to the commander-in-chief, as soon as possible, full information respecting the said invasion, insurrection or resistance to the laws, and the measures adopted by him to repel or suppress the same.
- Authority required.** **SEC. 58. *And be it enacted,*** That the laws heretofore passed by the general assembly, for the purpose of enrolling, organizing, disciplining and employing, or in any way regulating the militia of this state or any part of said militia, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed ; *Provided always,* that all commissions heretofore issued until the same shall be forfeited or revoked under the provisions of this act ; and all bonds taken under said laws or any of them, shall be and remain of the same force and validity, and shall have the same effect as if the said law or laws had not been hereby repealed, and for each commission, issued under this act, the clerk of the council may receive twenty-five cents, to be paid out of the funds received by the treasurer of the western shore, under the operation of this act.
- Shall be reported forthwith.** **SEC. 59. *And be it enacted,*** That from and after the passage of this act, all officers holding commissions in the staff of the Maryland militia, shall be entitled to rank in the line as follows ; the adjutant-general shall rank as a colonel of artillery in the line ; officers composing the staff of a division, shall take rank in the line as majors of infantry, and those composing the brigade staff, shall be entitled to rank in the line as captains of infantry, and those officers composing the staff of regiments extra battalions or squadrons, shall take rank in the line as first lieutenants in their respective corps, and the said officers shall be entitled to promotion in the same manner, and on the same terms, as other officers of like grade in their respective corps.
- Former acts repealed.** *And whereas,* but little good, and much vexation and harassing to the people, is to be expected from the operation of a militia law in time of peace, and a re-organization would soon cease to be such, from the absence of that necessity which is essential for its existence,—therefore :
- Except commissions' bonds, &c.** **SEC. 60, 61.** Provide for the act going into force, and is repealed and modified by 1835, ch. 213.
- Fee for commission**
- Rank of the staff.**
- Preamble.**