

make known his excuse to said court of appeal, the officer appointing such court of appeal may in such cases only have the power of remitting such fine or fines as may have been incurred by said delinquent for absence from parade, upon the same conditions as the courts of appeal are authorized to do: and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this section as required of him, he shall be cashiered or fined a sum not exceeding fifty dollars in the discretion of such court martial as the case may require.

SEC. 24. *And be it enacted*, That the officer who may appoint a court martial, or any other court under the provisions of this act, shall have the power of appointing such supernumeraries to said court as he may deem advisable.

Officers may appoint supernumeraries.

SEC. 25. *And be it enacted*, That the courts of appeal to decide upon the remission of fines incurred by company officers, non-commissioned officers, privates and musicians, as absentees from parade, shall consist of not less than three, nor more than five members, one-third of whom at least shall be privates.

Company courts to consist of.

SEC. 26. *And be it enacted*, That the courts of appeal to decide upon the remission of fines incurred by the general officers and their respective staff officers, the regimental field officers, and their respective staff officers, as absentees from parade, shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members, two-thirds of whom at least shall be field officers.

Superior courts to consist.

SEC. 27. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commanding officers of the division, brigades, regiments and companies, to keep, or cause to be kept a book or books, in which shall be entered all the proceedings of their respective commands for the year as required by the provisions of this act, giving the dates of such entries, and a clear and distinct detail of said proceedings, and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this section as required of him, he shall be fined a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars in the discretion of such court martial as the case may require.

Books of proceedings.

SEC. 28. *And be it enacted*, That every division court martial shall be appointed by the commanding officer of the division, and shall consist of not less than five, nor more than thirteen members, two-thirds of whom at least shall be field officers, who shall have the power to try the commanding officers of the brigades for all violations of this act except such as arise from absence from parade.

Division court martials.

SEC. 29. *And be it enacted*, That every brigade court martial shall consist of not less than five members, nor more than thirteen members, one-third at least of whom shall be field officers, who shall have the power to try all regimental, field, and brigade staff officers for all violations of this act, except such as arise from absence from parade.

Brigade court martials.