

charged with all correspondence between the Commander-in-Chief and officers of the several States and Territories, the Secretary of War, the Adjutant General of the Army of the United States and other persons in official stations on the subject of military affairs, and keep a record of such correspondence. He shall annually make a return, in triplicate, of all the militia of this State, one copy whereof he shall deliver to the Commander-in-Chief, on or before the first day of January thereafter, one copy to be transmitted to the Adjutant General of the United States Army and one copy shall be filed in his office. He shall receive and file all returns made to him according to law and regulation, and annually make a detailed report thereof to the Commander-in-Chief. He shall, except in so far as the duties may be distributed by the Governor to the other chiefs of the administrative branches of the general staff, make contracts with the lowest bidders, upon public notice, for the supply and furnishing to such troops as the Governor may direct, within the limit of the appropriations by Act of the General Assembly to such purpose, uniforms, arms, ammunition and equipments, the said uniforms not to cost more than \$20 each and in all cases; and by whatever officer these contracts for expenditures shall be made, in the manner prescribed, the said officer shall make and 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, and he shall perform such other duties as may properly belong to his office, or which may be prescribed by the Commander-in-Chief, and to aid him in the discharge of his duties he shall be allowed such clerical force as may be necessary, provided the amount of salaries does not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars.

Make return.

Certify
account.

Sec. 16. The Chief of Ordnance shall, when directed by the Commander-in-Chief, and under his direction and with his approval, provide all ordnance and ordnance stores which may be required for the purposes mentioned in this Act, and shall receive no compensation therefor, except when on

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