

ARTICLE VIII.

Armories.

SEC. 1. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall biennially appoint an Armorer at Frederick and an Armorer at Easton, to take charge of and keep in repair and fit for use, all public arms and accoutrements in the armories at those places respectively.

2. Each of said Armorers, before he proceeds to the execution of his duties, shall give bond to the State of Maryland with security to be approved by the Governor, the Armorer at Easton in the penalty of two thousand dollars and the Armorer at Frederick in the penalty of one thousand dollars, and conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties.

3. Each Armorer shall, on or before the first day of October annually, report to the Adjutant General the actual state of the armory under his control, designating in such report the number of arms and accoutrements, and the fitness or unfitness of any portion of them for service, and also the quantity of the different materials of war, with the quality of the same.

4. Whenever any arms or accoutrements, or other articles deposited in the armories as public property, shall be removed therefrom, the Armorer shall immediately report the same to the Adjutant General, stating the purposes for which they were so removed and the authority under which he acted.

5. The Quarter Master General and Brigade and Regimental Quarter Masters, whenever they have reason to believe that any of the public arms are not properly preserved or have fallen into the possession of those who have no right to retain the same, or that they may in any manner be lost to the State, shall cause any such arms to be seized and transported to the nearest State armory, and any militia officer having knowledge of any arms so situated, shall immediately report the same to one of said Quarter Masters.