

113. The adjutant general shall, within fifteen days after the commencement of each session, make a report to the General Assembly of the number of arms furnished by him to volunteer companies, with the name of the company for whose use they were furnished, and the names of the obligors and the penalties of the bond taken therefor, and he shall also show in such report the number of arms, accoutrements, and so forth, in the State Armories, together with the description and condition of the same, and the number of arms and accoutrements belonging to the State which are in the possession of volunteer companies at the time of such report, and the names and location of the companies, and the number of arms and accoutrements held by each company respectively.

114. In every case where it is made the duty of any officer of the militia to make a division, brigade, regimental or company return to the adjutant general, and such officer may have omitted to make such return when the same has become due, the adjutant general shall issue an order, and have the same published in one newspaper in the county where the officer or officers reside, stating the nature of the return which has been omitted to be made, and the name of the officer whose duty it was to have made it; and if there is no newspaper published in said county, then in one newspaper published in each of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore.

ARTICLE LXIV.

Mortgages.

SEC. 1. Every deed conveying real estate or chattels, which by any other instrument or writing shall appear to have been intended only as a security in the nature of a mortgage, though it be an absolute conveyance in terms, shall be considered as a mortgage, and the person for whose benefit such deed shall be made shall not have any benefit or advantage from the recording thereof, unless every instrument and writing operating as a defeasance of the same, or explanatory of its being designed to have the effect only of a mortgage or conditional deed, be also therewith recorded.