

25. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the brigade inspectors are hereby required, under a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, at the discretion of a brigade court-martial, in each and every year hereafter, previous to the fifteenth of October, to make a correct return to the adjutant-general of all arms and accoutrements the property of the state, and also of all private arms and accoutrements, and designate the companies and corps by whom said arms and accoutrements are held; and it shall be the duty of the brigade inspector to attend the brigadier general when required, to receive and execute all orders necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this law, and upon refusal or neglect, to be subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, nor less than ten dollars, unless he can make a reasonable excuse to the commanding officer of the brigade.

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26. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the adjutant of each regiment and extra battalion, to attend the regimental and battalion meetings, and execute the orders of the commanding officers necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this law, and upon refusal or neglect, to be subject to a fine not exceeding thirty dollars, at the discretion of a regimental court-martial.

Adjutants shall attend the regimental and battalion meetings.

27. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall hold or refuse to deliver up, on application of a commissioned officer, in whose district such person resides, any arms or accoutrements belonging to the state of Maryland, and not held and detained by such person as a member of a volunteer militia company, any commissioned officer, in whose district such person may be, is hereby authorised to apply to any justice of the peace within the county where such person resides, who shall thereupon issue a warrant to any constable of the county, directing him to arrest such person, and carry him before some justice of the peace for said county, together with any arms and accoutrements alleged to be the property of the state, which may be in the possession of such person; and if the said justice of the peace should be of opinion that the said arms or accoutrements are the property of the state of Maryland, then and in such case the said justice of the peace shall order and direct that said arms and accoutrements shall be delivered up to the said commissioned officer, for the use of the company to which he belongs, until demanded by the state; and upon such persons refusing or neglecting to comply with such direction, the said justice of the peace may commit such person to the public gaol of the county, until his compliance therewith; and if the said justice shall determine that the said arms or accoutrements are not the property of the state of Maryland, the costs of such proceedings shall be paid out of the money in the hands of the paymaster, arising from fines collected in the regiment to which commissioned officer belongs; but if he shall determine that the said arms or accoutrements are the property of the state, and the person in possession of the same knew them to be such, then the costs of such proceedings shall be paid by the said person in possession of such arms or accoutrements as aforesaid; and if any person holding as aforesaid any such arms or accoutrements, and knowing them to be the property of the state, shall refuse to deliver up the same to any commissioned officer demanding them, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen dollars, to be recovered as small debts and recovered in the name of the state, and for the use of the regiment or extra bat-

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