

to the best of my skill and abilities; so help me God;" and a certificate of his having done so shall be endorsed on the commission by the person who may have administered such oaths; and all officers hereafter commissioned shall take the like oaths, and have the like certificate thereof endorsed on their commissions, which they shall report in writing, if field and brigade staff officers, to their respective brigadier generals, and if company and regimental and extra battalion staff officers, to the commanding officers of their respective regiments and extra battalion, previous to their entering on any of their respective duties; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this section, he shall be liable to be cashiered by such court martial as the case may require.

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48. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no commissioned officer, charged with any violation of this act, for which he might be cashiered, shall be suffered to do duty in the brigade, regiment, extra battalion, or company, to which he belongs, nor to resign his commission whilst under such charge, until he has had his trial by a court martial; and every person so charged, shall be tried as soon as a court martial can conveniently be assembled, and shall be furnished by his brigade inspector, adjutant of his regiment, or other person, as the case may require, with a copy of the charges exhibited against him, at least ten days before his trial; and in case any delinquent, being duly notified of the time and place of meeting of any such court martial, who shall refuse or neglect to attend, the said court martial is authorised and empowered to proceed to the trial of such delinquent, in the same manner as if he were personally present.

Officers not to do duty while under arrest

49. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commanding officer of each regiment and extra battalion shall, under a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, to be imposed by such court martial as the case may require, notify in writing, the brigade inspector of his brigade, or cause such notice to be left at his residence, of the place of his regiment or extra battalion parade, as established by this act, at least three days previous thereto; and it shall be the duty of the brigade inspectors respectively, to attend said meetings, and inspect the said regiments and extra battalion; or if prevented from attending by sickness, or some such sufficient excuse, other than business, he shall appoint such officer of the brigade as will execute said duties; and for the purpose of making the return herein after directed, the commanding officer of each regiment and extra battalion shall, within ten days after such inspection, make return to the said inspector of all arms and accoutrements, the property of the state, designating such as are fit for service, and also of all private arms and accoutrements, and the companies and corps by which they are held, and the commanding officers of companies shall make such reports as the commanding officers aforesaid may require for said purpose; and the said brigade inspectors shall respectively, on or before the first of December thereafter, make a consolidated return thereof to the adjutant general of the state; and the said inspectors shall respectively attend the brigadier generals, when required, to receive and execute all orders necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to execute any of the duties herein prescribed, he shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars, in the discretion of such court martial as the case may require.

Written notice of place of parade to be given to brigade major