

1908, ch 103, sec. 50.

49. Every person who enlists or re-enlists shall sign and make oath to an enlistment paper, which shall contain the following statement and oath or affirmation, viz.: I, ———, born in ———, in the State of ———, aged ——— years, and by occupation a ———, do hereby on this ——— day of ———, 1—, volunteer and enlist to serve as a soldier in the Maryland National Guard for the term of three years, unless sooner discharged. I, ———, in the presence of Almighty God, do solemnly promise (or declare) that I will bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and I will support the Constitution thereof. I, ———, in the presence of Almighty God, do solemnly promise (or declare) that I will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon me according to the best of my ability and understanding agreeable to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland. I, ———, in the presence of Almighty God, do solemnly promise (or declare) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the laws made in pursuance thereof. Such oath shall be taken and subscribed to before a field officer, regimental adjutant or a commanding officer of a signal corps, troop, battery, company or division, or an officer detailed for the purpose of mustering an organization. The officers named in the preceding paragraph are authorized to administer said oaths, but no enlistment shall be valid until it be approved by the commanding officer of the organization to which the signal corps, troops, battery, company or division is attached, or of which it forms a part. A person making a false oath as to any statement contained in such enlistment paper shall upon conviction be deemed guilty of perjury.

1908, ch. 103, sec. 51.

50. Enlisted men may be transferred, upon their own applications, in the same organization by the commanding officers of such organizations; from one organization to another, by a commanding officer of the brigade; or from the brigade to the naval brigade, or *vice versa*, by the commander-in-chief. All such transfers to be approved by the commanding officers of the respective organizations. Non-commissioned officers must be returned to the ranks before they can be transferred.

1908, ch. 103, sec. 52. 1910, ch. 204, sec. 52 (p. 197).

51. Commanding officers of regiments and of battalions not part of regiments shall appoint and warrant the non-commissioned staff officers of their respective regiments, and they shall, in their discretion, warrant the non-commissioned officers of the companies of their respective regiments or battalions from the members thereof, upon the written nomination of the commanding officer of the company. In the troop, battery or separate company and in the signal corps the non-commissioned officers shall be warranted by the commanding officer of the brigade, at his discretion, from the members thereof, upon the written