

minent danger thereof, to increase the force herein provided for and to organize the same as the exigencies of the service may require. The Governor shall have power at any time to change the organization of regiments, battalions, troops, batteries, companies, divisions, corps or departments so as to conform to any organization, system of drill or instruction, now or hereafter adopted by the Army or Navy of the United States; and for that purpose the number of officers and enlisted men of any grade or regiments, battalions, troops, batteries, companies, divisions, corps or departments may be increased or decreased to the extent made necessary by such change; Provided, that commissioned officers who shall become surplus may be relieved from active duty and placed upon the unassigned list, and shall be available for detail to active duty at the pleasure of the Governor.

1916, ch. 311, sec. 22.

20. The Governor as Commander-in-Chief by executive order shall fix the number of officers and enlisted men that shall compose the strength of the several departments, corps and tactical units of the Maryland National Guard, provided, however, that in time of peace the minimum enlisted strength of a company, troop, battery, or division shall not be less than forty men.

1916, ch. 311, sec. 23.

21. At any time upon the report of and recommendation of the Brigade Commander, that any company or separate organization is not up to the proper standard of numbers (minimum of forty), efficiency or discipline, the Commander-in-Chief may, in his discretion, muster out of service such company or separate organization so reported inefficient, and thereupon the commissions of all the officers of such company or separate organization shall be vacated; and at any time upon the report and recommendation of the Adjutant General, after an inspection by him ordered or made of any division of the Naval Brigade, that such division so inspected is not up to the proper standard of efficiency or discipline, the Commander-in-Chief may, in his discretion, muster out of the service such division so reported inefficient, and thereupon the commissions of all officers of such division shall be vacated.

1916, ch. 311, sec. 24.

22. That thereafter commissioned officers of the National Guard shall be selected from the following classes and none other: First, officers or enlisted men of the National Guard recommended by the commanding officers of their several independent battalions, regiments, and higher units; second, officers on the reserve or unassigned list of the National Guard; third, officers, active or retired, and ex-officers of the United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps; and, fourth, graduates of the United States Military and Naval Academies and graduates of