

adjutant-general and be exempted from further military duty in time of peace. Exemption.

22. The military year shall commence on the first day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven. The military year.

23. The commander-in-chief shall designate the manner by which the commutation money as hereinbefore provided for shall be collected and paid over, and shall make all necessary rules and regulations therefor, and such rules and regulations shall have the force of law. Commutation money.

24. The treasurer shall keep an account of all moneys which shall be collected for the state military fund, showing all the sources and districts from which it may be derived, and whether paid as commutation or as a fine or penalty, and all fines and penalties imposed by civil courts or justices of the peace for any violation of the injunction of any portion of this act shall be deemed to be a portion of the military fund and shall be collected and accounted for as such. Treasurer to keep an account. Military fund.

25. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to enable the governor to carry into effect the several provisions of this article, which sum shall be loaned out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated in the treasury of the state, to be returned to the treasury as soon as the state of the military fund will permit, and the governor, as commander-in-chief, is hereby fully authorized to apply the said fund as will in his judgment best effectuate the several purposes of this act. Appropriation.

26. All officers of the militia shall take in such manner as the commander-in-chief may direct the following oath or affirmation before receiving a commission or be qualified to act: "I do swear (or affirm) that I will bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and support the constitution and laws thereof, and that I will bear true allegiance to the United States and support, protect and defend the constitution and laws thereof as the supreme law of the land; and I do further swear (or affirm) that I will to the Oath to be taken by officers.