

best of my ability protect and defend the union of the United States and not allow the same to be broken up or dissolved or the government thereof to be destroyed under any circumstances, if in my power to prevent it, and that I will at all times discountenance and oppose all political combinations having for their object such dissolution or destruction, so help me God."

In force from March 22, 1867.

NOTE—See Const 1867, Art IX, by which it is provided, that the existing Militia Law of the State shall expire at the end of the next session of the General Assembly, except so far as it may be re-enacted, subject to the provision of Article IX of Constitution. This article provides, that no officer of the General Staff of the Militia, except the Adjutant General, shall receive salary or pay, except when on service, and mustered in with troops. Art III, sec 69, of the Constitution is also prohibitory of section 14 (relating to pensions,) of the act of 1867.

ARTICLE —.

Military Agencies.

NOTE—The act of 1864, c. 393 added an article to the Public General Laws under the above title, which provided that the Governor should appoint an agent or agents to look after the interests of the Maryland volunteers in the service of the United States, to visit the troops in the field and elsewhere and especially to discharge such duties relating to the welfare of the sick, wounded and disabled soldiers of this State as the Governor might prescribe and direct. And the sum of \$10,000 was appropriated to defray the expenses, the amount of the expenditures not to exceed the sum of \$7,000 in any one year.

ARTICLE LXVI.

Negroes.

1865, c. 166 repeals sections 1 to 81 inclusive and sections 83 to 94 inclusive of this article; and the acts of 1862, c. 238, 1862, c. 128, and 1862, c. 96. The act of 1867, c. 54 repeals the act of 1864, c. 105 and sections 42 and 43 of this article.