

return to the custody of the adjutant general of all public property in possession of said company, and for any loss or damage thereto, compensation may be obtained either in an action of contract or suit upon the bond, and it shall be the duty of the adjutant general to take such legal proceedings in the name of the State.

**Uniforms, &c., exempt from distress, attachment, &c., horses.** 26. The uniforms, arms and accoutrements of the national guard shall be exempt from all seizures by way of distress, attachments, executions, or sales for debts or payment of taxes, and every mounted officer or any member of a troop or battery, who shall own a horse necessary for his use as such officer or member, shall hold the same with the like exemption.

**Election of officers.** 27. All field officers of regiments and battalions shall be elected by the ballots of the commissioned officers of the companies composing said regiments or battalions; all generals of brigades or divisions shall be elected by the ballot of the commanding officers of the regiments and battalions comprising said brigades or divisions; company officers shall be elected by the ballots of the members of their respective companies; the commissioned and non-commissioned staff shall be appointed by the commanding officer of the respective divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions or squadrons; non-commissioned officers of companies shall be appointed by the commanders of their respective companies; warrants for non-commissioned officers shall be issued by the regimental or battalion commanders.

**Warrants.**

**Commissioned officers. Power of governor.** 28. The commissioned officers of the national guard shall be commissioned by the governor; but he may in his discretion withhold such commission in order to determine the qualification of the person for the office to which he shall have been elected or appointed, and if upon reference to an examining board, to be appointed as hereinafter provided, a general, field, staff or company officer shall be adjudged unqualified, another officer shall, within ten days after due notice given in writing to the adjutant general, to whom