

1868, c. 425 entitled, an act to provide for the liquidation and settlement of claims heretofore contracted for arming, equipping and uniforming the militia, enacts :

1. That the comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive and audit all claims and demands for arms or equipments, or uniforms heretofore furnished to the state, or the militia since the last session of the general assembly, on contract with an order by or request of the governor.

2. That each and every of such claims shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the claimants, or his legal representative, or some other person in his behalf, and the comptroller is hereby authorized to examine under oath the said complainants and adjutant general, or any other person or persons he may see fit to examine touching the correctness of said claims.

3. That the said comptroller shall, as soon as may be after said claims are presented to him, pass upon and audit them, and allow for payment such as he may find correct and true, and shall draw his warrants upon the treasurer in favor of each claimant for the amount so found by said comptroller to be justly and truly due to said claimant, and said warrant shall be paid out of any money thereafter in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; provided the whole amount of said warrant shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars.

In force and approved March 30, 1868.

1868, c. 436 authorizes the adjutant general to purchase for the use of Charlotte Hall School, sixty cadet muskets, or Enfield rifles, with accoutrements complete, and six officers' swords and belts, and enacts further :

That the trustees of Charlotte Hall School shall, upon the receipt of said arms, execute to the state of Maryland, a good and sufficient bond for the amount of the cost of said arms, for their safe keeping and return to the adjutant general whenever required by the legislature so to do.

That whenever the adjutant general shall present to the comptroller proper vouchers of the cost of said arms, said comptroller shall issue his warrant to the treasury for such sum as may be necessary to cover the cost thereof, to be paid by the treasurer, provided the same do not exceed the sum of six hundred dollars.

In force and approved March 30, 1868.

ARTICLE LXIX.

Officers.

12 Officers of general assembly,

1868, c. 61 adds the following section to this article :

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SEC. 12. Whenever the general assembly shall meet it shall not be necessary for any officer of the preceding general assembly to be present except the chief clerk, reading clerk and doorkeepers of the house of dele-