

that any article not so accounted for has been properly expended in the service, or defaced, injured, lost or destroyed, without any default or neglect on his part; and if lost, defaced or destroyed through the misconduct of any person, that reasonable efforts have been made by him to recover or prosecute for the same; and it shall be the duty of the adjutant general to enter suit on the bond of any officer, in the name of the State of Maryland, for the value of such property as may have been defaced, injured, lost or destroyed, after being received by him, and which has not been properly accounted for by him as aforesaid; and the officer succeeding to the command of a company, before being commissioned, shall be required to file a bond to the State, as hereinbefore prescribed, for the safe keeping and return of all property of the State in the possession of said company, upon the terms and conditions imposed upon the officer by whom said property was received.

1870, ch 182, sec. 15. 1878, ch. 488.

15. All arms, equipments or other property furnished to volunteer companies, shall, when required by the commanding officers of the company, battery, battalion squadron or regiment, be deposited in the armory of said company, battery, battalion, squadron or regiment, and failure to deposit as aforesaid any article of such property by the person to whom it was issued, ten days after he shall have been notified by written notice from the commanding officer as aforesaid to return it to the armory, when the article withheld has been converted to the use of the party retaining it, or by inexcusable neglect, shall be considered a misdemeanor, and the person so offending shall be punished by a fine not exceeding double the value of the property thus illegally detained, to be recovered on the complaint of the commander of the company, or by imprisonment in the county or city jail for not less than two weeks or more than two months.

1870, ch. 182, sec. 16.

16. Whoever shall wilfully or maliciously destroy, injure or deface any arms or other article of military property belonging to the State, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be