

directed by the commander-in-chief; he shall prepare and provide the necessary rosters, books of record, forms, blanks for commissions, returns and other papers required under this article, and distribute them to commanding officers entitled to receive the same, on proper requisition therefor; he shall be charged with all correspondence between the commander-in-chief and officials of the several States and territories, the secretary of war, the adjutant general of the army of the United States, and other persons in official stations, on the subject of military affairs, and keep a record of such correspondence. He shall annually make a return, in triplicate, of all the militia of this State, on or before the first day of January—one copy to be delivered to the commander-in-chief, one copy to be transmitted to the adjutant general of the United States army, and one copy to be filed in his own office; he shall receive and file all returns made to him according to law, and annually make a detailed report thereof to the commander-in-chief, and he shall also perform such other duties as may properly belong to his office, or which may be prescribed by the commander-in-chief, and he shall keep his office and discharge the duties thereof at Annapolis.

1870, ch. 182, sec. 8.

8. The other officers of the general staff of the militia, when directed by the commander-in-chief, and under rules and regulations that may be prescribed by him, shall perform the duties that properly belong to their several offices, or such other duties as may be assigned to them by the commander-in-chief, but they shall receive no compensation therefor, except when in actual service, by command of the commander-in-chief, and mustered in with the troops.

Ibid. sec. 9.

9. 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 ballots 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; provided, that at such elections a majority of the ballots of the qualified voters shall be