

1870, ch. 182, sec. 12.

**12.** The commander-in-chief shall prescribe such rules, orders and regulations for the distribution of arms, accoutrements and ammunition as he may deem proper, as also for the safe keeping and return of all such property; which rules and regulations shall have the force of law.

*Ibid.* sec. 13.

**13.** The commander-in-chief, within the limit of the appropriations by act of the general assembly, shall authorize the adjutant general to furnish with the necessary arms and equipments, such companies of cavalry, artillery and infantry, when duly organized under this article, as he may deem necessary for the proper enforcement of the laws; and the commanding officer of each company shall give a good and sufficient bond to the State of Maryland, to be approved by the adjutant general, for the safe keeping and return of such arms and equipments, which shall remain and continue to be the property of the State, to be used for military purposes only, and which shall be returned to the State when called for by the commander-in-chief; provided, however, that all arms, ammunition, equipments or other supplies directed to be furnished by the governor under the provisions of this article, shall be so furnished by contracts made with the lowest responsible bidder, upon public notice; and the officer making such contracts shall certify the account with explicit vouchers, and transmit the same, countersigned and approved by the governor, to the comptroller, for final settlement, in the mode and manner prescribed in the constitution for the audit and payment of claims against the State.

*Ibid.* sec. 14.

**14.** Any officer receiving arms and equipments, or other public property for military use, shall be accountable for the same, and shall not be discharged from his obligation therefor, until he has properly accounted for said arms and equipments or other property, either by receipt from his successor in command, or some other officer authorized to receive the same, for the articles received by him in good order and condition, reasonable use and wear excepted, or by satisfactory proof to the adjutant general