adjutant general of the army of the United States, the secretary of the navy and other persons in official stations on the subject of military and naval affairs, and keep a record of such correspondence; he shall annually make a return, in duplicate, of all the organized militia of this State, on or before the first Monday of January, 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 to the commander-in-chief; and he shall keep his office and discharge the duties thereof at the capital of the State; and he is hereby empowered and authorized to employ a clerk, at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, and the said sum is hereby appropriated for that purpose annually, and the comptroller is directed to draw his warrant on the treasurer, who is hereby directed to pay the same in equal monthly instalments.

1896, ch. 89, sec. 7.

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

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Ibid. sec. 8. 1900, ch. 657.

8. The first brigade, already formed and organized out of the volunteer uniformed organizations now existing, together with such others as may be provided for by law, and the naval brigade, as hereinafter constituted, shall constitute the body of organized militia, and shall be known as the "Maryland National Guard." The first brigade shall consist of not more than forty companies, infantry, cavalry, artillery and signal corps, to contain not more than twenty-five hundred enlisted men; the naval brigade shall consist of not more than two battalions, to contain not more than three hundred and twenty-four enlisted men.

Ibid. sec. 9.

9. The "Maryland National Guard," until otherwise provided by law, shall consist of the following infantry organiza-