

1896, ch. 89, sec. 16. 1900, ch. 657.

**18.** All persons who shall have successfully passed the required examinations and have made the oath of affirmation prescribed by the preceding section shall be deemed to be enlisted and mustered into the Maryland National Guard, commissioned officers until their commissions shall have been duly vacated, and non-commissioned officers and privates for the period of three years from the date of such enlistments, unless sooner discharged by proper authority.

1896, ch. 89, sec. 17.

**19.** The resignation of commissioned officers shall be in writing directed to the adjutant general and forwarded immediately through all the intermediate commanders who shall endorse the same with their approval or disapproval. No officer shall be considered out of service on the tender of his resignation until the same shall have been accepted by the commander-in-chief.

Ibid. sec. 18.

**20.** No officer shall be permitted to resign his commission who shall be under arrest or against whom charges shall have been preferred for any delinquency; and no resignation shall be accepted unless the officer tendering the same shall furnish to the adjutant general satisfactory evidence that he has delivered all monies in his hands as such officer and all books and other property of the State in his possession to his next superior or inferior officer, or the officer duly authorized to receive the same, and that his accounts for money or public property are correct, and that he is not indebted to the State.

Ibid. sec. 19.

**21.** At any time upon the report and recommendation of the brigade commander that any company or separate organization is not up to the proper standard of numbers, efficiency or discipline, the commander-in-chief may, in his discretion, muster out of service such company or separate organization so reported inefficient, and thereupon the commissions of all the officers of such company or separate organization shall be vacated. And at any time upon the report and recommendation of the adjutant general, after an inspection by him ordered or made of any division forming a part of the first naval battalion that such division so inspected is not up to the proper standard of efficiency or discipline, the commander-in-chief