

the capacity, qualification, propriety of conduct and efficiency of any commissioned officer who may be reported to him as incompetent or unfit to discharge the duties of his office, and upon the report of such board, if adverse to such officer and approved by the commander-in-chief, the commission of such officer may be revoked ; provided, always, that if practicable, two members at least of such board shall have military rank at least equal to that of the officer examined. The commander-in-chief may, also, when in his opinion it is necessary, call boards of officers for settling military and naval questions, and for other purposes of administration and discipline.

1896, ch. 89, sec. 24. 1900, ch. 657.

26 Every regiment and separate organization of the Maryland National Guard may, by a vote of a majority of its officers, adopt by-laws, which when approved by the commanding officer of such regiment or separate organization, by the brigade commander or the captain of the naval brigade, as the case may be, and by the adjutant general, shall be binding upon all the members of such regiment or separate organization ; provided, that nothing therein shall be inconsistent with the constitution or laws of this State or of the United States, or the rules and regulations prescribed by the commander-in-chief.

Ibid. sec. 25.

27. The force composed and organized, as prescribed in this article, shall be considered in the actual military service of this State and liable to be called into active service at any time for the repression of disorder and for the protection of property in aid of the civil authorities and the police of this State, and the members thereof shall be subject to all such military rules and regulations as are applicable to such bodies in time of peace, and all military offenses, such as disobedience of orders, non-attendance at drills, assemblies, parades, reviews or encampments, or neglect or non-performance of such other duty as they may lawfully be called on to perform, shall be considered and they are hereby declared to be offenses against the general police regulations of the State, and shall be punished by fine or imprisonment, as hereinafter provided ; and in addition to such fine or imprisonment as may be thus imposed the offender may be reprimanded or dishonorably discharged from the service by the commander of the regiment or separate organization to which he belongs ; provided, however, that instead