

posals to furnish such property from at least two parties, and shall purchase such property from the lowest responsible bidder. If such purchase shall require the expenditure of a sum exceeding \$1,500, he shall publicly advertise for sealed proposals for furnishing such property. Such proposals shall be publicly opened by the Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) at the place, day and hour designated in such advertisement. The Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) shall, if the Governor approve, make a contract with the lowest responsible bidder to furnish such property. All proposals and contracts made under the authority hereby conferred shall be filed in the office of the Assistant to the Acting Quartermaster General. The Adjutant General is authorized and directed, whenever in his opinion it shall be to the interest of the State, to require a party who shall agree or contract to give bond to the people of this State, in such sum and with such surety as he shall direct, conditioned for the faithful performance of such agreement or such contract. In case of default such bond shall be prosecuted by the Attorney General of the State, and all moneys recovered shall be applied by the Adjutant General to the benefit of the National Guard. All property purchased under the authority hereby granted shall be inspected by the Assistant to the Acting Quartermaster General or an officer detailed for that purpose by the Commander-in-Chief, and no payment shall be made therefor until it shall appear by the certificate of such officer that such property is of the kind, quality and condition specified in such agreement or contract. (f) In case of insurrection or invasion, tumult, riot, breaches of the peace or imminent danger thereof, the Governor may temporarily suspend the operation of this section, and direct the Acting Quartermaster General to purchase such military property as may be required in open market. He shall report such action, with the reasons therefor, and a statement of the property purchased and the price paid therefor, to the Legislature at its next session. (g) The Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) shall render annually to the Governor a statement in detail, showing the disposition of all clothing, ordnance, arms, ammunition, armories and other military property on hand or issued.

SEC. 17. No officer of the militia shall incur any expense whatever to be paid by the State, except such as authorized in this chapter, without first obtaining the authority of the Commander-in-Chief. In extreme emergencies, however, the commanding officer of any organizations or detachment of the National Guard may make purchase of such necessities as are absolutely required for the immediate use and care of his com-