

same in equal monthly instalments. This officer shall be appointed and commissioned by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Adjutant General, and shall at the time of his appointment be a member of the National Guard of the State, or have served in the National Guard or United States Army, and shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of officers of the National Guard of corresponding rank. (a) The Assistant to the Acting Quartermaster General may have one clerk and as many laborers as may be required from time to time. The clerk shall be appointed by and the laborers hired by the Adjutant General. (b) The Adjutant General may require the Assistant to the Acting Quartermaster General to give bond, with sufficient surety, not to exceed ten thousand dollars, to the State of Maryland, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, such bond to be approved by the Governor and the Comptroller, and to be filed in the latter's office and to be paid for out of the military funds. (c) The Assistant to the Acting Quartermaster General shall attend to the care, preservation, safe-keeping and repairing of the arms, ordnance, accoutrements and all other military property belonging to the State or issued to the State by the Government of the United States for the purpose of arming and equipping the organized militia. All military property of the State which, after a proper inspection, shall be found to be unsuitable for the use of the State shall, under the direction of the Governor, be disposed of by the Assistant to the Acting Quartermaster General, at public auction, after a reasonable advertisement of the sale in at least one newspaper published in the English language in Baltimore City, or the same be sold at private sale, when so directed by the Governor. He shall bid in the property or suspend the sale whenever, in his opinion, better prices may or should be obtained. He shall, from time to time, render to the Adjutant General a just and true account of the sales made by him, and shall turn over to the Adjutant General the proceeds of said sales. The Adjutant General shall be responsible to the Governor for all the arms, ordnance, accoutrements, equipments and other military property which may be issued to the State by the Secretary of War in compliance with law, and it shall thereafter be his duty to prepare returns of said arms and other property of the United States at the times and in the manner required by the Secretary of War. The Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) shall, upon the order of the Governor, turn into the Ordnance Department of the United States Army the rifles.