

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 other employees as may be required from time to time. The clerk shall be appointed and the employees 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, safekeeping and repairing of the 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 be disposed of by the Assistant to the Acting Quartermaster General as required by Army regulations. The Adjutant General shall be responsible to the Governor for all the 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 time and in the manner required by the Secretary of War. (d.) The Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) shall keep a just and true account of all expenses incurred, including pay of officers and enlisted men, subsistence of militia, transportation of the militia and of all the military property of the State, and such expenses shall be audited and paid. (e.) The Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General) shall issue such military property as the Governor shall direct, and under his direction make purchases for that purpose. No military property shall be issued to persons or organizations other than those belonging to the active militia, without approval of the Adjutant General, except to such portions of the reserve militia as may be called out by the Governor. The regulations and orders of the United States Army shall govern the Adjutant General in all matters not specifically set forth herein in connection with the purchase, care and accounting of military property.