

20. No officer of the militia shall incur any expense whatever to be paid by the State, except such as authorized in this Article, without first obtaining the authority of the Adjutant General. In extreme emergencies, however, the commanding officer of any organization or detachment of the National Guard may purchase such necessities as are absolutely required for the immediate use and care of his command, taking receipts in duplicate therefor; a report of such action, containing a statement of the articles purchased and the price thereof, with the receipts attached, must be made forthwith through the regular channels to the Acting Quartermaster General. The Comptroller of the State shall be the auditor of all accounts for property purchased by the Adjutant General (as Acting Quartermaster General), and copies of the orders or contracts under which such purchases are made shall be filed in the office of the Assistant to the Acting Quartermaster General, subject to his inspection. All other military accounts payable by the State shall be audited by the Adjutant General. Military accounts thus audited shall be paid by the Treasurer of the State from a proper appropriation made by the Legislature, upon the warrant of the Adjutant General, under and by direction of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

21. The Maryland National Guard shall consist of such officers and enlisted men as may be from time to time, allotted to the State by the Federal Government in orders, and the organization of units shall be in conformity therewith; provided, that the Governor shall have the power in case of war, insurrection or other emergency to increase the force provided for and to organize such units as the exigencies of the same may require; provided further, that commissioned officers becoming surplus from any cause, they may be relieved from the active list and placed in National Guard Reserve.

22. That hereafter commissioned officers of the National Guard shall be selected from the following classes and none other: officers and enlisted men of the National Guard; officers of the reserve or unassigned list of the National Guard; officers, active or retired, and former officers of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, graduates of the United States Military and Naval Academies, and graduates of schools, colleges and universities where military science was taught them under the supervision of an officer of the Regular