

CHAP. 251.

And of expenses

pense thereof, in favor and to the order of the person or persons furnishing the same, or performing the said service, or any part thereof.

Annual inspection

Sec. 19. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of each uniformed and of each draughted company of militia in this State, annually, in the month of September, to inspect the arms and accoutrements of the company under his command, and to transmit, without delay, a report thereof, by mail, to the adjutant general's office, to be therein recorded, and to cause a copy of said report to be entered in a company book which he shall keep for that purpose, distinguishing therein the arms and accoutrements that belong to the State, from those which belong to individuals; and in case any of the arms or accoutrements, so inspected, or subject to be inspected, shall not be in good order, it shall be the duty of the commanding officer, making the inspection and ascertaining this fact, in his discretion, to order or cause such arms and accoutrements to be repaired by, or at the cost of the person using and having the care thereof, and the expense of such repairs shall be paid by such delinquent to the artificer making the same, and be recoverable as if the delinquent private had given the order to such artificer.

Report

Repairs

Expense thereof

Case arms &c. are lost or destroyed

Sec. 20. *And be it enacted*, That in case any arms or accoutrements, that belong to this State, shall be destroyed or lost, by the negligence of any member of a militia company to whom the same were delivered, it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of said company to certify and report such loss or destruction, and the value of the arms so lost or destroyed, to the sheriff of the county in which the person guilty of such negligence resides, and it shall be the duty of said sheriff to proceed forthwith to collect the sum of money, so certified to be the value aforesaid, from said delinquent, or to make the same out of his property, in the same manner that he would or might upon an execution issued to enforce a judgment debt—and the refusal or neglect to produce said arms and accoutrements, upon any company inspection day, or to exhibit the same at any other time, to the commanding officer of his company, by any uniformed or draughted militiaman, when thereto required by such officer, shall be taken and deemed as conclusive proof of the loss or destruction of such arms and accoutrements, and the certificate of such officer relative to such loss and destruction, shall be taken, and by all persons to whom such certificates or any of them shall be addressed, or who shall be called to act, or decide thereon.

Officer to report to sheriff

Who shall proceed as under judgment.

Neglect to produce arms &c. on parade, deemed proof of loss, &c.