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be tried as soon as a court martial can conveniently be assembled; and shall be furnished by the Adjutant General, the brigade inspector, adjutant of the regiment, or other person, as the case may require, with a copy of the charge or charges exhibited against him, at least ten days before his trial, that he may have an opportunity to prepare his defence; and in case any delinquent being duly notified, of the time and place of meeting of any such court martial, shall refuse or neglect to attend, the said court martial is authorised and empowered to proceed to the trial of such delinquent, in the same manner as if he were personally present.

Delinquent neglecting to attend

Trial proceeds

Officer or private injured by commander of regiment

Method of redress

By commander of company

Method of redress

Remission of sentence

Exception

Court martials how appointed

Article 14.—If any officer or private shall think himself injured by the commanding officer of the regiment, extra battalion, or squadron, and shall upon due application made to such commanding officer, be refused redress, he may complain to the brigadier general who, on finding that the person complained of has violated this law, shall direct the inspector of the brigade to summon a brigade court martial, that justice may be done to such officer or private.

Article 15.—If any non-commissioned officer or private shall think himself injured by his captain or other superior officer, in the regiment, extra battalion or squadron, or company to which he belongs, he may complain to the commanding officer of the regiment, extra battalion, or if any artillerist to the brigadier general, or commanding officer of his brigade, who, on finding that the person complained of has violated this law, shall summon a regimental court martial for doing justice, according to the nature of the case.

Article 16.—The officer ordering the court martial, or his successor in authority, in case of his death or absence, shall, where a censure or fine shall be adjudged by such court martial, have full power to pardon the person adjudged to be censured or fined, or to mitigate such censure or fine, except where such censure or fine is adjudged as satisfaction for injuries received by one officer or private from another.

Article 17.—That every general court martial shall be appointed by the commander in chief; every division court martial by the commanding officer of the division; every brigade court martial by the commanding officer of the brigade; every regimental court martial by the commanding officer of the regiment; every extra battalion or squadron court martial by the commanding officer of the extra battalion or squadron, and every company court martial by the