

Sec. 58. *And be it enacted*, That the laws heretofore passed by the General Assembly, for the purpose of enrolling, organizing, disciplining and employing, or in any way regulating the militia of this State or any part of said militia, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed. *Provided always*, that all commissions heretofore issued until the same shall be forfeited or revoked under the provisions of this act, and all bonds taken under said laws or any of them, shall be and remain of the same force and validity, and shall have the same effect as if the said law or laws had not been hereby repealed, and for each commission issued under this act, the Clerk of the Council may receive twenty five cents, to be paid out of the funds received by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, under the operation of this act.

Sec. 59. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, all officers holding commissions in the staff of the Maryland Militia, shall be entitled to rank in the line as follows:—the Adjutant General shall rank as a Colonel of Artillery in the line; officers composing the staff of a division, shall take rank in the line as Majors of Infantry, and those composing the Brigade staff, shall be entitled to rank in the line as Captains of Infantry, and those officers composing the staff of regiments, companies or squadrons, shall take rank in the line as first Lieutenants in their respective corps, and the said officers shall be entitled to promotion in the same manner, and on the same terms, as other officers of like grade in their respective corps.

*And whereas*, but little good and material will be accomplished to the people, is to be expected from the operation of a Militia law in time of peace, and a reorganization would soon cease to be such, from the absence of that necessity which is essential for its existence.— Therefore

Sec. 60. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall not go into operation and take effect until the Governor, or the Commander in Chief of the Militia of the State, shall issue his proclamation, fixing a day on which it shall be in operation; and when such proclamation shall be determined on, the Governor shall immediately advertise to have this act printed in pamphlet form with marginal notes, upon the most reasonable terms, and when so printed, one copy thereof shall forthwith be sent by mail, to each commissioned officer of the State.

Sec. 61. *And be it enacted*, That so soon as the Governor shall see cause to believe that there is danger of war with