

buildings or other property purchased, occupied, leased or rented by or in behalf of the State military forces, which may now or shall hereafter be authorized by law and shall have all power and authority necessary or desirable for the purpose aforesaid and with the right to make and enforce all reasonable rules and regulations; provided, however, that when disapproved by the Ranking Line Officer, applications to use the armories for non-military purposes shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Public Works, the Ranking Line Officer and the commanding officer of the unit occupying the armory concerned.

The seal now used in the office of the Adjutant General shall be the seal of the office of the Ranking Line Officer and shall be delivered by him to his successor. He shall act as custodian of all battle flags and war records and is charged with their proper care and preservation. He is authorized to employ the necessary clerks and employees, and as many laborers as may be required from time to time.

10. The Ranking Line Officer, as Quartermaster General, shall be responsible to the Governor for the care, preservation and safe-keeping of all military property. It shall be his duty to prepare returns of all Federal military property at the time and in the manner required by Regulations of the War Department. He shall keep a just and true account of all expenses incurred in the up-keep of the militia and such expenses shall be audited and paid in the manner provided by law. He shall make such purchases and issue such military property as the Governor may direct. The regulations and orders of the War Department shall govern the Ranking Line Officer, as Quartermaster General, in all matters not specifically set forth herein in connection with purchase and care of military property. The Ranking Line Officer, as Quartermaster General, may have one assistant, who shall be a quartermaster, with the grade of captain, who shall also be the military storekeeper and perform such other duties as the Ranking Line Officer may direct, whose salary shall be as stated in the annual budget. This officer shall be appointed and commissioned by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Ranking Line Officer, and at the time of his appointment be a member of the organized militia of the State. The Ranking Line Officer, as Quartermaster General, may require the assistant to the Quartermaster General, to give bond as sufficient surety to the State of Maryland, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties;