

such bond to be approved by the Governor and Comptroller and to be filed in the latter's office, and to be paid out of militia funds.

11. The general appropriations for the militia shall be exclusively applied to the necessary and contingent expenses of the office of the Ranking Line Officer and to the maintenance and equipment and for the general efficiency of the organized militia of this State, organized and enlisted as provided for in this Article. No purchases shall be made, debts incurred or money expended except by the direct authority of the Ranking Line Officer. The Ranking Line Officer shall make rules and regulations for receipts and expenditures of all moneys coming under his control and he may require bond from such persons as he may designate. All bills shall be audited and paid by the Ranking Line Officer and the general customs and methods of the Finance Office of the Army of the United States shall be followed as nearly as possible.

12. 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 Ranking Line Officer. In extreme emergencies, however, the commanding officer of any organization or detachment of the organized militia may purchase such necessities as are absolutely required for the immediate use and care of his command, taking receipts in triplicate 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 Quartermaster General. The Comptroller of the State shall be the auditor of all accounts for property purchased by the Ranking Line Officer. All other military accounts payable by the State shall be audited by the Ranking Line Officer. 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 Ranking Line Officer, under and by direction of the Governor.

13. The National Guard of Maryland shall consist of that portion of the organized militia prescribed by the President to be maintained by the State of Maryland under the provisions of the National Defense Act and regulations issued pursuant thereto. The organization of the National Guard, including the composition of all units thereof, shall be the same as that which is or may hereafter be prescribed for the Regu-