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necessary ; who shall forthwith furnish the same, and it shall be the duty of the commanding officer calling out the militia to communicate to his next superior officer and to the commander in chief, as soon as possible, information respecting the said insurrection, threatened insurrection, or invasion or threatened invasion ; and the said commanding officer shall order out any of the militia under his command when so required to do by two justices of the peace, stating in writing, under their hands, that they have good reason to believe that the peace and quiet of the state is likely to be endangered.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each brigadier-general is hereby required, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for every neglect or refusal, to order in each and every year hereafter, at least two meetings of the field officers, of his brigade at some central place, and there drill and instruct, or cause said officers to be drilled and instructed in all the necessary duties of a soldier, and to establish a uniformity of manœuvres and discipline ; and every commandant of a regiment or extra-battalion is hereby required, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every neglect or refusal, in each and every year hereafter, to order at least four meetings of the majors and officers attached to his regiment or extra-battalion, at some central place thereof, and there drill and instruct, or cause said officers to be drilled and instructed in all the necessary duties of a soldier, and to establish a uniformity of manœuvres and discipline ; and any field officer neglecting or refusing to attend any of said meetings when duly notified, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding twenty dollars nor less than five dollars (at the discretion of a brigade court-martial) for every such neglect, unless he can give a reasonable excuse ; and any company or staff officer neglecting or refusing to attend any of said meetings when duly notified, shall be fined at the discretion of a regimental or extra-battalion court-martial, in a sum not exceeding ten dollars, nor less than two dollars for every such neglect, unless he can give a reasonable excuse ; and all officers who by this section are required to attend said meetings shall appear in uniform and with side arms, under a penalty of five dollars for every neglect or refusal ; which fines and forfeitures shall be collected as other fines of a similar nature by this act directed, and paid over to the respective pay-masters of the regiments and extra-battalions to which such delinquents shall belong. And for the purpose of disciplining the militia of this state,

Disciplining the officers. Meetings shall be called for that purpose. Penalties for non-attendance, &c.