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Adjutants shall attend the regimental and battalion meetings.

can make a reasonable excuse to the commanding officer of the brigade.

26. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the adjutant of each regiment and extra-battalion, to attend the regimental and battalion meetings, and execute the orders of the commanding officers necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this law, and upon refusal or neglect, to be subject to a fine not exceeding thirty dollars, at the discretion of a regimental court-martial.

Persons holding or refusing to deliver up arms.

27. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall hold or refuse to deliver up on application of a commissioned officer, in whose district such person resides, any arms or accoutrements belonging to the state of Maryland, and not held and detained by such person as a member of a volunteer militia company, any commissioned officer, in whose district such person may be, is hereby authorised to apply to any justice of the peace within the county where such person resides, who shall thereupon issue a warrant to any constable of the county, directing him to arrest such person and carry him before some justice of the peace for said county, together with any arms and accoutrements alleged to be the property of the state, which may be in the possession of such person; and if the said justice of the peace should be of opinion that the said arms or accoutrements are the property of the state of Maryland, then and in such case the said justice of the peace shall order and direct that said arms and accoutrements shall be delivered up to the said commissioned officer, for the use of the company to which he belongs, until demanded by the state; and upon such persons refusing or neglecting to comply with such direction, the said justice of the peace may commit such person to the public jail of the county, until his compliance therewith; and if the said justice shall determine that the said arms or accoutrements are not the property of the state of Maryland, the costs of such proceedings shall be paid out of the money in the hands of the pay-master, arising from fines collected in the regiment to which such commissioned officer belongs; but if he shall determine that the said arms or accoutrements are the property of the state, and the person in possession of the same knew them to be such, then the costs of such proceedings shall be paid by the said person in possession of such arms or accoutrements as aforesaid; and if any person holding as aforesaid, any such arms or accoutrements, and knowing them to be the proper-