

true and faithful to the state of Maryland, and that I will diligently and faithfully do and perform the several duties assigned to me as—
 in the militia of the state of Maryland, and execute the several provisions of this law according to the best of my skill and abilities, so help me God," and a certificate of his having done so, shall be endorsed on the commission by the person who may have administered such oaths, and all officers hereafter commissioned shall take the like oaths, and have the like certificate thereof, endorsed on their commissions, which they shall report in writing, if a major general to the commander in chief, if a brigadier general to the commanding officer of the division, if regimental field officers or brigade staff officers, to the commanding officers of their respective brigades, and if company or regimental staff officers, to the commanding officers of their respective regiments, previous to their entering on any of their respective duties; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this section as required of him, he shall be liable to be cashiered or fined not exceeding one hundred dollars, in the discretion of such court martial as the case may require.

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Penalty.

Officers charged with offenses.

55. *And be it enacted*, That no commissioned officer charged with any violation of this act, for which he might be cashiered, shall be suffered to do duty in the division, brigade, regiment or company to which he belongs, nor to resign his commission whilst under such charge, until he has had his trial by a court martial; and every person so charged shall be tried as soon as a court martial can conveniently be assembled, and shall be furnished by his brigade inspector, adjutant of his regiment or other person as the case may require, with a copy of the charges exhibited against him at least ten days before his trial; and in case any delinquent being duly notified of the time and place of any such court martial, shall refuse or neglect to attend, the said court martial is authorised and empowered to proceed to the trial of such delinquent, in the same manner as if he were personally present; *Provided nevertheless*, that the said delinquent shall have power of making his excuse in writing or otherwise in cases where he is prevented from attending said court by sickness or absence from said city.

Notice to brigade inspector.

His duty.

Returns.

56. *And be it enacted*, That the commanding officer of each regiment shall notify in writing the brigade inspector of his brigade or cause such notice to be left at his residence, of the place of his regimental parade as established by this act, at least three days previous thereto; and it shall be the duty of the said brigade inspector to attend said meeting, and to inspect the said regiment, or if prevented by sickness or some such sufficient excuse other than business he shall appoint such officer of the said brigade as will execute said duty; and for the purpose of making the return hereinafter directed, the commanding officer of each regiment, shall within ten days after such inspection make return to the said inspector, of all arms and accoutrements the property of the state, designating such as are fit for service, and also of all private arms and accoutrements, and the companies and corps by which they are held; and the commanding officer of each company shall make such reports as the commanding officer aforesaid may require for said purpose; and the said brigade inspector shall on or before the first day of December thereafter, make a consolidated return thereof to the commanding officer of the division, who shall within thirty days thereafter make a consolidated return of all arms and accoutrements as aforesaid to the adjutant ge-

Consolidated returns.