

*Further Organization.*

SECT. 44.—The commander-in-chief may make such combinations of the companies of the National Guard into battalions, squadrons, regiments, brigades and divisions, as he may deem expedient, and may for that purpose combine the companies of as many different military districts as may be necessary or advisable, and when regiments are so formed they shall be numbered in the order of their formation—the first regiment organized shall be designated as the “*First Regiment of Maryland National Guard,*” &c.

*Independent Companies.*

SECT. 45.—Until said companies are so combined they shall remain as independent organizations, and shall be designated, as far as possible, according to the order of organization in the several military districts, that is to say, the first company organized, for instance, in the fifth military district, being called “*First Company of National Guards, in Fifth Military District of Maryland,*” &c.

*Company Head Quarters.*

SECT. 46.—Every company, as soon as practicable after its preliminary organization, shall select some convenient place of rendezvous as the head quarters of such company, whose commanding officer shall forthwith notify the district commandant of the location thereof.

*Special Arm.*

SECT. 47.—After the two volunteer companies of the minimum number required are so organized in any military district, any additional companies afterwards organized within the same may select the arm of the service to which they will be attached, provided that upon one company of infantry being organized in any district, the commander-in-chief may, for special cause shown, allow the next company to select a different arm of service.

*Special Companies.*

SECT. 48.—Any volunteer companies, the members of which reside in different military districts, will, with the approval of the commander-in-chief, be recognized as forming part of said National Guard, and the several districts to which they belong, will be credited with the number they have respectively furnished, upon the commanding officer thereof certifying to the district commandant, the names of said members and their respective districts, and every such company shall, in all other respects, be considered as belonging to the district in which a majority of the members reside.