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Receipts for
arms—arms to
be kept in good
order, &c.

11. BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of non-commissioned officers and privates, who shall receive any arms, to grant a receipt for the same, (which said receipt shall be taken in a book to be by the commanding officer of the company kept for that purpose,) making themselves liable for the safe keeping thereof, and for their delivery when legally called on for that purpose. It shall be the duty of all persons in the militia who receive into their possession public arms, to keep the same in neat and good order, the musket barrel and bayonet free from rust, and bright, the lock clean, well oiled, and with a good flint, and to appear with such arms at every muster where by law they are obliged to appear, and at all other times when they may be called on duty; and at all musters the officers in their respective stations shall be diligent and careful in inspecting their arms, in noting delinquencies, and making report thereof, as herein after directed.

Persons be-
coming ex-
empt from mi-
litia duty.

12. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person in the militia, possessed of public arms as aforesaid, shall be about to remove out of the limits of the company to which he belongs, or during such possession arrive at the age of forty-five years, or otherwise shall be exempt from militia duty, he shall deliver to the officer commanding the company to which he belongs in good order and unimpaired, such public arms as may have been delivered to him; and if any person so possessed shall die, it shall be the duty of the officer commanding the company to which he belonged, immediately to take possession of such arms, inspect and take care of them, in the manner herein after directed, to be delivered to some other person in his company in manner before directed.

Arms to be in-
spected—Em-
bezzlement of
arms—how to
be recovered.

13. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the commanding officers of companies, from time to time, to inspect the public arms in the possession of the non-commissioned officers and privates of their companies, and where it shall appear to him that any such arms are not in the condition required by this act, it shall be the duty of such officer to report the same as other delinquencies; and if it shall at any time come to his knowledge, that any one of his company has embezzled or disposed of his arms, or has removed out of the limits of his company, without delivering them up, as herein before directed; in all such cases it shall be his duty immediately to proceed by and under the authority of a warrant, according to law, issuing from any justice of the peace of the county or counties