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Pay-masters to
give bond.

57. *And be it enacted,* That before any paymaster shall act as such, he shall give bond and security to the state of Maryland, to be approved by the commanding officer of the regiment, or extra battalion, as the case may be, to which he belongs, in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned that he shall, when required so to do, submit to the commanding officer of his regiment, or extra battalion, as the case may be, a full and fair statement of his accounts as paymaster as aforesaid, and pay over all balances remaining in his hands, when demanded by his successor in office, and in all things faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

Expenditure
of money.

58. *And be it enacted,* That all money hereby directed to be paid into the hands of the paymasters of the several regiments, and extra battalion; shall be appropriated and applied by the commanding officer of each regiment, and extra battalion, to the purposes of providing music, and of the proper and safe keeping of the arms and accoutrements, and of defraying such other necessary expenses as the said officers shall deem requisite for their respective regiments or extra battalions; and if at any time there should be such surplus funds, as in the opinion of any of the said officers will uniform his regiment, or extra battalion, the same shall be done under his direction and superintendance; and no money shall be drawn from the paymasters of the regiments, or extra battalions, except by a written order from the said commanding officers respectively, who shall always state the purpose for which it is done.

Brigade ex-
penses to be
paid by regi-
ments, &c.

59. *And be it enacted,* That the necessary expenses of each of the said brigades accruing under the provisions of this act, shall be paid in equal portions by the regiments, and extra battalion, composing the same, by written orders from the several commanding officers on their respective paymasters.

Brevet officers
may be ap-
pointed.

60. *And be it enacted,* That in case of the death, resignation or disqualification of any company officer, the commanding officer of the regiment, or extra battalion, to which such officer may have belonged, may appoint a fit and proper person as a brevet officer, and shall immediately thereafter notify the governor and council of the same; and such brevet officer shall have and exercise all the powers incident to his office, in as full and ample a manner as if he was commissioned, until he shall be superseded by a commissioned officer.

Bands of mu-
sic may be or-
ganized.

61. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the commanding officers of each regiment, or extra battalion, to form and organize a band of musicians for their respective regiments, or extra battalion, and that each and every person belonging to said organized band of musicians, shall be under the command and direction of the said commanding officer, and shall perform the duty of musicians in said regiment, or extra battalion, instead of serving as privates therein; and in all meetings as directed by this act, the commanding officer as aforesaid shall cause the names of said musicians to be called over, and a list of absentees to be returned to him, within three days thereafter, which shall, in like manner, and at the same time, be handed over to the court-martial for the trial of non-commissioned officers and privates as absentees from parade; and in case any of them should neglect or refuse to appear at such meetings, when warned, with their instruments of music, they shall be liable to such fines and penalties, to be imposed, collected and