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tial as the case may require for the trial of such offence, which said court may punish the offender by cashiering, reprimanding, suspending or fining not exceeding fifty dollars in their discretion, and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this section as required of him, he shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars, in the discretion of such court martial as the case may require.

62. *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 to which he belongs in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned that he shall when required to do so, submit to the commanding officer of his regiment a full and fair statement of his accounts as paymaster aforesaid, and pay over all balances remaining in his hands when demanded by his successor, and in all things faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

Paymasters.
bond, account

63. *And be it enacted,* That all money hereby directed to be paid into the hands of the paymaster of each regiment shall be appropriated and applied by the commanding officer of said regiment to the purposes of providing music for the several parades prescribed by this act, and of the proper and safe keeping of the arms and accoutrements, and of defraying such other necessary expenses as the said officer shall deem requisite for his regiment, and if at any time there should be such surplus funds as in the opinion of said officer will uniform his regiment, the same shall be done under his direction and superintendance, and no money shall be drawn from the paymaster of any regiment except by a written order from the commanding officer thereof, who shall always state the purpose for which it is done; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this section as required of him, he shall be fined a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, in the discretion of such court martial as the case may require.

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64. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of each regiment between the first and thirteenth days of December, in each year, to call together by a written or printed notice the field, staff and commanding officers of the companies of his regiment at some convenient place within the limits of said city, and then and there exhibit to them a statement shewing the fines collected, the amount, object and date of all disbursements, and the returns of the person or persons appointed to collect the fines for the current year, and when made, together with the returns of the several courts of appeal held for the trial of the appeals of absentees from the parades as established by this act for his regiment; and the said statement shall also shew the fines incurred previous to the current year as aforesaid, and still unpaid, as well as those collected after the expiration of the year in which they were incurred; and it shall be the duty of the paymaster of said regiment to exhibit at the same time and place, a statement shewing the money received and paid by him on account of said regiment, giving the dates when and from whom it was received, and by whose order, and for what purpose it was paid; and said statements and returns shall be examined by the officers present, who or a majority of them shall have power to adjourn from time to time until such examination shall be completed, and if it shall appear to said officers, or a majority of them, that the said commanding officer or paymaster of said regiment has failed to comply with

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