

CHAPTER 184.

An additional supplement to the act entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the Militia of this State.

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Passed Feb. 25, 1825.

Inspection day in September.

Inspector's report.

One annual meeting of officers. Two company meetings.

Certain courts martial repealed.

General courts martial.

To consist of.

Proceedings; sentence to be confirmed.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That each brigadier general or commanding officer of a brigade, shall appoint a day of meeting, exercise and inspection, in the month of September each year, in regiment or battalion, and it shall be the duty of the brigade inspector to attend and inspect the same, giving thirty days previous notice thereof to the commanding officers of regiments, extra battalions or independent volunteer companies.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the brigade inspector, after such meeting, report to the general commanding, the efficient strength, equipment and condition of each regiment or battalion, designating the strength and condition of each company; the brigade inspector to make said report within two weeks after such meeting, under a penalty not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars, nor less than five dollars, to be inflicted by a court martial, under such provisions as this act prescribes.

3. *And be it enacted,* That all other meetings and musters of the militia are dispensed with, excepting one annual meeting of the commissioned officers for drill and exercise, which meeting shall be on the last Saturday in April, at ten o'clock, A. M. and two company meetings annually, one in the month of May, and one in the month of August; the captains or commanding officers of companies, shall under the existing penalties, appoint the day for such meeting.

4. *And be it enacted,* That articles fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth, constituting general courts martial, division, brigade, regimental and extra battalion courts martial are hereby repealed.

5. *And be it enacted,* That brigadier generals commanding a brigade, (except in the third division of Maryland militia, where the major general will command,) shall appoint general courts martial whenever necessary, and all commissioned officers within their respective commands shall be subject to this duty.

6. *And be it enacted,* That general courts martial shall consist of any number of commissioned officers from five to thirteen inclusively, the larger number to be preferred when that number can be convened or obtained with convenience, and the majority of every general court martial shall consist of officers superior in rank to the officer to be tried before such court martial, whenever practicable.

7. *And be it enacted,* That no sentence of a court martial shall be carried into execution, until after the whole proceedings shall have been laid before the officer ordering the same, or in case of his removal, the officer commanding for the time being; nor shall any sentence extending to the cashiering of any commissioned officer be carried into execution, until the whole proceedings shall have been transmitted by the officer ordering the same, to the governor of this state for his confirmation or disapproval, the governor communicating his decision on such proceedings to the officer from whom they were transmitted; all other sentences to be confirmed by the officer ordering the court martial.