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to be by him appointed; and the said field officers, or a majority of them, when so met, shall revise and make any alterations that may be deemed necessary in the arrangement and bounds of their several regiments and extra battalions; and each brigadier shall, as soon thereafter as may be, make return of such alterations to the adjutant-general's office, to be therein recorded; and the said several commanding officers of regiments and extra battalions shall from time to time, (as the case may be necessary,) convene the majors and commanding officers of companies in their respective regiments or extra battalions at some convenient place and time to be by them appointed, who, or a majority of them, shall revise and make any alterations that may be deemed necessary in the arrangement and bounds of their several battalions and companies; and a return, in writing, of such alterations, shall be made by the commanding officer of the regiment or extra battalion, to the inspector of their brigade. And whereas considerable changes have taken place in the population since the arrangement of said districts, the brigadier-generals are hereby required, under a penalty of fifty dollars, to order a meeting of the colonels and majors within their several brigades, (except such as from their remote situation are hereafter by this act exempted,) previous to the first of May next, at some convenient place, who, or a majority of them, shall revise and fix the bounds of regiments, battalions and extra battalions, are hereby required, under a penalty of thirty dollars, to order a meeting of the company officers within their several districts, (except such as from their remote situation are exempted from meeting in regiment or battalion,) previous to the fifteenth of May next, at some convenient place, who, or a majority of them, shall revise and fix the bounds of their several districts, and make return thereof to the proper officers, as in this section heretofore directed.

By 1817, ch. 228, the city of Baltimore is formed into two brigades, and regulations respecting the militia therein.

Penalty on officers neglecting to arm within a certain period.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each commissioned officer appointed by the governor and council, and accepting, or having accepted such appointment, who shall not within three months after the passage of this act, and each commissioned officer who may hereafter appointed under this act, who shall not within three months after such appointment, arm, accoutre and provide himself as is directed by the act of congress of the United States (a), entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, if a company officer he shall be fined at the discretion of a court martial, in a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, nor less than five dollars for such neglect, and a further sum not exceeding twenty dollars, nor less than ten dollars for every year he shall continue such neglect; and if he be a field or staff officer, he shall be fined at the discretion of a court martial, in a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, nor less than twenty dollars for such neglect, and a further sum not exceeding fifty dollars, nor less than thirty dollars, for every year he shall continue such neglect.

(a) Passed the 8th of May, 1793.

The following articles, rules and regulations, shall be those by which the militia of this state shall be governed.