

him, and shall, in case of absence or inability of the adjutant general, perform all or such portion of the duties of the adjutant general as the governor or adjutant general may expressly delegate to him. (f) In order that the National Guard of the State shall receive the benefit of the funds provided by congress, it shall be the duty of the adjutant general of the State to submit to the proper United States authorities a plan of proposed field or camps service of instructions, prepared by the governor and commander-in-chief for the ensuing year, with an estimate of the funds required for payment, subsistence and transportation of the National Guard participating therein, said estimate to furnish the details and to be made out in the form required by instructions from the secretary of war. (g) He shall recommend to the commander-in-chief regulations pertaining to the preparation of reports and returns and to the care and preservation of property for military purposes, whether belonging to the State or to the United States, as in his opinion the conditions demand, such regulations to be operative and in force when promulgated in the form of general orders, circulars or letters of instruction.

1908, ch. 103, sec. 16.

15. The adjutant general, as acting quartermaster general may have one assistant, who shall be a quartermaster with the rank of captain, who shall also be the military storekeeper, and perform such other duties as the adjutant general may direct, whose salary shall be twelve hundred dollars per annum, and the said sum is hereby appropriated for that purpose annually, and the comptroller is directed to draw his warrant on the treasurer, who is hereby directed to pay the same in equal monthly instalments. This officer shall be appointed and commissioned by the governor, upon the recommendation of the adjutant general, and shall at the time of his appointment be a member of the national guard of the State, or have served in the national guard or United States army, and shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of officers of the national guard of corresponding rank. (a) The assistant to the acting quartermaster general may have one clerk and as many laborers as may be required from time to time. The clerk shall be appointed by and the laborers hired by the adjutant general. (b) The adjutant general may require the assistant to the acting quartermaster general to give bond, with sufficient surety, not to exceed ten thousand dollars, to the State of Maryland, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, such bond to be approved by the governor and the comptroller, and to be filed in the latter's office and to be paid for out of the military funds. (c) The assistant to the acting quartermaster general shall attend to the care, preservation, safe-keeping and repairing of the arms, ordnance, accoutrements and all other military property belonging to the State or issued to the State by the government of the United States for the purpose of arming and equipping the organized militia. All military property of the State which, after a proper inspection, shall be found to be unsuitable for the use of the State shall,