

employ the necessary clerks and employees, and as many laborers as may be required from time to time. The seal now used in his office shall be the seal of the office of the Ranking Line Officer and shall be delivered by him to his successor.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 11. 1922, ch. 490, sec. 10. 1931, ch. 161, sec. 11.

11. The Ranking Line Officer, as Quartermaster General, shall be responsible to the Governor for the care, preservation and safe-keeping of all military property. He shall prepare returns of all Federal military property at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of War. He shall keep a just and true account of all expenses incurred in the upkeep of the militia and such expenses shall be audited and paid in the manner provided by law. He shall make such purchases and issue such military property as the Governor may direct.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 12. 1922, ch. 490, sec. 11.

12. The general appropriations for the militia shall be exclusively applied to the necessary and contingent expenses of the office of the Ranking Line Officer and to the maintenance and equipment and for the general efficiency of the organized militia of this State, organized and enlisted as provided for in this Article. No purchases shall be made, debts incurred or money expended except by the direct authority of the Ranking Line Officer. The Ranking Line Officer shall make rules and regulations for receipts and expenditures of all moneys coming under his control and he may require bond from such persons as he may designate. All bills shall be audited and paid by the Ranking Line Officer and the general customs and methods of the Finance Office of the Army of the United States shall be followed as nearly as possible.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 13. 1924, ch. 286. 1931, ch. 161, sec. 13.

13. There shall be an Unassigned List exclusively restricted to officers and enlisted men of the Organized Militia and none other, who are transferred thereto by the Governor; provided that such transfer shall not in any wise be considered a removal from office or affect the rank of an officer or enlisted man so transferred.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 14. 1922, ch. 490, sec. 12.

14. No officer of the militia shall incur any expense whatever to be paid by the State, except such as authorized in this Article, without first obtaining the authority of the Ranking Line Officer. In extreme emergencies, however, the commanding officer of any organization or detachment of the organized militia may purchase such necessities as are absolutely required for the immediate use and care of his command, taking receipts in triplicate therefor; a report of such action, containing a statement of the articles purchased and the price thereof, with the receipts attached, must be made forthwith through the regular channels to the Quartermaster General. The Comptroller of the State shall be the auditor of all accounts for property purchased by the Ranking Line Officer. All other military accounts payable by the State shall be audited by the Ranking Line Officer. Military accounts thus audited shall be paid by the Treasurer