

from rust, and bright, the lock clean, well oiled, and with a good flint, and to appear with such arms at every muster where by law they are obliged to appear, and at all other times when they may be called on duty; and at all musters the officers in their respective stations shall be diligent and careful in inspecting their arms, in noting delinquencies, and making report thereof, as herein after directed.

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12. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person in the militia, possessed of public arms as aforesaid, shall be about to remove out of the limits of the company to which he belongs, or during such possession arrive at the age of forty five years, or otherwise shall be exempt from militia duty, he shall deliver to the officer commanding the company to which he belongs, in good order and unimpaired, such public arms as may have been delivered to him, and if any person so possessed shall die, it shall be the duty of the officer commanding the company to which he belonged, immediately to take possession of such arms, inspect and take care of them, in the manner herein after directed, to be delivered to some other person in his company in manner before directed.

Persons becoming exempt to deliver up arms.

13. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the commanding officers of companies, from time to time, to inspect the public arms in the possession of the non-commissioned officers and privates of their companies, and where it shall appear to him that any such arms are not in the condition required by this act, it shall be the duty of such officer to report the same as other delinquencies; and if it shall at any time come to his knowledge, that any one of his company has embezzled or disposed of his arms, or has removed out of the limits of his company, without delivering them up, as herein before directed, in all such cases it shall be his duty immediately to proceed by and under the authority of a warrant, according to law, issuing from any justice of the peace of the county or counties where such arms, or any part thereof, are supposed to be, to regain the possession of such arms wherever the same may be found, and it shall moreover be the duty of such captain to proceed as herein after directed, to bring to punishment, according to this act, every person offending in the disposing, buying or concealing such arms.

Arms to be inspected. Penalty for embezzlement thereof

14. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any non-commissioned officer or soldier who shall attempt to transfer a right to the said arms in his custody, or to any part thereof, by sale or otherwise, to any person or persons, accompanied with actual delivery, as well every person so offending as every person purchasing or concealing the said arms, knowing the said arms to be the property of the public, shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, the sum of forty dollars, to be recovered in the name of the state of Maryland, by motion in the county court of the county wherein the offence may have been committed, provided such person shall have ten days previous notice of such motion, or notice of such motion shall have been previously left ten days at his last place of abode, and the right of the state to such arms shall not, by such or any other mode of transfer, be impaired or taken away.

Penalty on persons disposing of arms

15. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case of loss of arms, satisfaction for the same, to be awarded by a company court-martial, shall be made by the person or persons who shall have received the

Prices of arms: