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same, to the state, at the following prices: For a musket, twenty dollars; for a ramrod, one dollar; for a bayonet, two dollars; for a cartouch box, two dollars; for a pistol, five dollars; for a sword, ten dollars; for a pair of holsters, five dollars; and for a rifle, thirty dollars.

Penalty for buying them

16. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any militia-man, or other person, shall sell, buy, or give away any part of the public arms, or carry the same out of the bounds of his regiment, with intent to defraud the state, he shall be considered as guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof at any time within five years, on information or indictment in any county court, shall be amerced in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, and imprisoned for a term not exceeding sixty days, at the discretion of the court.

Penalty for permitting them to be out of order

17. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each non-commissioned officer or private who shall have been or may be armed by the public, shall be fined not exceeding one hundred cents for each article of his accoutrements which shall be out of order; and it shall be the duty of the captain or commanding officer of every company armed as aforesaid, to note down, at every muster, each and every breach of this law, and make report of the same to the presiding officer of the company court-martial.

Arms out of order to be collected.

18. AND BE IT ENACTED. That it shall be the duty of every captain, in the hands of whose company there are or may be public arms, at the next muster, and at every subsequent muster, to examine the same, and make report of such arms as are out of order to the colonel, whose duty it shall be to have the same collected and delivered to the order of the commander in chief.

Commanding officers of uniformed volunteer companies in third brigade shall not command company districts.

19. AND whereas it has been found detrimental to the militia service in the city of Baltimore that company districts should be attached to regiments composed of volunteer uniformed companies; BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the passage of this act no commanding officer of an uniformed volunteer militia company in the third brigade, shall command a company district, but in all such cases it shall be the duty of the brigadier-general of the third brigade to cause such districts to be distributed among other commanding officers of districts in the same regiment, not commanding volunteer uniformed companies, if such officers shall not have sufficient men in their districts to form full companies, and if there shall be none such, then among other regiments which shall be either deficient in men or in districts, in the proportion in which they shall be so deficient; *Provided always*, that in every instance where a district shall be taken from the commanding officer of a uniformed company, it shall be the right of such officer, or his successor, to keep his company full by volunteers from the other districts of the brigades.

Proviso

See 1817, ch. 228, s. 32, 33.

Artillery in that brigade not to exceed ten companies

20. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the regiment of artillery in the said city shall not exceed ten companies, to consist of eighty privates each, beyond which number no persons residing within the limits of the third brigade shall be admitted into the said artillery companies.

See 1817, ch. 228, s. 2.

A rifle battalion may be raised in said brigade.

21. AND BE IT ENACTED, That a battalion of riflemen, consisting of five companies, not exceeding ninety privates each in number, may be raised within the said brigade, to be attached thereto.

See 1817, ch. 226, s.4.