

736. The field officers of every regiment shall give bond to the State, with security to be approved by the Governor, for the safe keeping of the arms and accoutrements belonging to the State held by their respective regiments, and for the return of the same when required by the State; and when such public arms or accoutrements shall be left in the hands of any company by the field officers of the regiment to which such company belongs, the commissioned officer thereof shall give bond to the commanding officer of the regiment to which such company is attached, to be by him approved, for the return of the same when required by him or his successor in office; and the commanding officer of each company shall take from each member receiving such public arms or accoutrements a receipt for the same, in a book to be kept for that purpose, thereby engaging to keep such arms or accoutrements in good order, and return the same when required by said commanding officer, and in default thereof he shall pay the sum of fifteen dollars, to be recovered as other fines under this law, under the direction of the commanding officer of said company, and when received, paid over to the paymaster of the division for the purpose of replacing such arms or accoutrements, and if any officer, non-commissioned officer or private shall refuse or neglect to comply with any of the provisions of this section as required of him, he shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, in the discretion of such court martial as the case may require.

737. The Governor may loan to either of said divisions such of the public arms and accoutrements as may hereafter be wanted therein, upon bond and security being given for the same as directed in the preceding section; and if such arms are distributed to companies, it shall be deemed upon the like terms and under the like penalties as are in said section provided; and when any field officer who hath given bond as aforesaid shall resign or otherwise quit his command, he shall be released from his bond upon a new one being given and approved as aforesaid, by his successor and other field officers of his regiment, which new bond they are hereby required to give within one month after such successor's acceptance of his commission; *Provided*, it shall appear from returns from the quarter master or commanding officers of companies, (which either of the said officers who are to give bonds are authorized to require, and shall under pain of being cashiered be forthwith made,) that such arms or accoutrements are then in the regiment, and thereupon the officer failing to give such new bond shall be liable to be fined a sum