

same and shall not be discharged from his obligation therefor until he has properly accounted for said arms and equipments or other property, either by receipt from his successor in command or some other officer authorized to receive the same, for the articles received by him in good order and condition, reasonable use and wear excepted, or by satisfactory proof to the adjutant general that any article not so accounted for has been properly expended in the service, or defaced, injured, lost or destroyed, without any default or neglect on his part; and if lost, defaced or destroyed through the misconduct of any person, that reasonable efforts have been made by him to recover or prosecute for the same; and it shall be the duty of the adjutant general to enter suit on the bond of any officer, in the name of the State of Maryland, for the value of such property as may have been defaced, injured, lost or destroyed, after being received by such officer, and which has not been properly accounted for by him as aforesaid; and the officer succeeding to the command of the company or of any separate organization shall be required to file a bond to the State, as hereinbefore prescribed, for the safe keeping and return of all property of the State in the possession of the said company or separate organization, upon the terms and conditions imposed upon the officer by whom said property was received.

1896, ch. 89.

44. Whoever shall wilfully or maliciously destroy, injure or deface any arms or other article of military property belonging to the State, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding double the amount of the value of the property so injured or defaced, to be recovered on complaint of the adjutant general or the commanding officer of the regiment, company or separate organization to which such arms or other article of military property shall have been issued, in the same manner as is prescribed for the collection of fines in section 27 of this article, or by imprisonment in the county or city jail for not less than two weeks nor more than two months.

Ibid.

45. Whoever shall secrete, sell, dispose of, offer for sale, or in any manner pawn or pledge, or receive in pawn or pledge, or