

XVIII. The Commander-in-Chief shall, within such time after the passing of this Act as he shall deem fit, appoint a Board of three competent Officers to examine all Officers whose commissions are hereby continued; and may transfer any Officer failing to pass such examination, to the Sedentary Force, or place him on a retired list, with or without a step of honorary Rank.

XIX. After the passing of this Act, no Officer shall be appointed to, nor promoted to, the active Force, until he shall have passed an examination as to his efficiency, before a Board of three Officers, consisting of a President and two other Officers, to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

XX. Provided that the Commander-in-Chief may establish Schools for military instruction, and direct that a certificate from the commandant of such Schools shall be substituted for a certificate of such Boards of Examination.

XXI. Promotion shall go by seniority, but if the senior shall not be able to qualify, the step to be given to the next in seniority, who is able to obtain a certificate of such Commandant or Board; and the Officer unable to qualify shall be placed on the retired List. Provided that the Commander-in-Chief may promote any Officer of marked capacity, and, in cases of emergency, may dispense with examination.

XXII. The Commander-in-Chief shall have full power to appoint a staff of commissioned and non-commissioned Officers of the Active Militia, with such Rank as he shall, from time to time, think requisite or necessary for the efficiency of the Militia Service; and any such Staff Officers shall have such Rank and authority in the Militia, as are held, relatively, in Her Majesty's service.

XXIII. For every Commission in the Militia, issued after the passing of this Act, there shall be paid to the Adjutant General of Militia the following Fees:

Ensign, Cornet or Second Lieutenant, Five shillings.

Lieutenant, Seven shillings and Six pence.

Captain, Ten shillings.

Major, Fifteen shillings.

Lieutenant-Colonel, Twenty shillings.

Colonel, Twenty-five shillings.

And all moneys, so received for commissions, shall be appropriated for the contingent expenses of the Adjutant-General's Office.

XXIV. The Volunteer Militia shall consist of Volunteer Troops, of Cavalry Troops, and Batteries of Cavalry, and Battalions of Infantry.

XXV. The Commander-in-Chief may continue the services of all Volunteer Corps accepted before the passing of this Act, and may also, if he see fit, accept the services of any Corps of Volunteers, who may be formed, after the passing hereof, under such regulations as have been, or may be, approved by the Commander-in-Chief, in regard to such Corps.

XXVI. Within two months after the passing of this Act, all Volunteer Companies shall be mustered by their Captains, the provisions of this Act clearly explained to them; and they shall take the Oath of Allegiance, and be re-enrolled as Volunteer Militia, when each man shall sign a Muster Roll.

XXVII. Provided that any Volunteer, who shall have been duly enrolled as such before the passing of this Act, may, previous to, or at the time of such

muster, give the notice required by the Act of the Twenty-fourth year of the Reign of Queen Victoria, chapter Eleven, hereby repealed, and quit his corps, after having complied with all the regulations which are specified in the Twelfth Clause of the said Act.

XXVIII. No member of a Volunteer Militia Company, re-enrolled under this Act, shall be permitted to retire from his Company, without giving Three Months' notice of his intention to the Officer commanding the Company to which he belongs.

XXIX. Every person enrolled in the Volunteer Militia shall take the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty.

XXX. The establishment of Volunteer Companies, and their administrative organization, shall be regulated by such general Orders as have been, or shall be, from time to time, promulgated by the Commander-in-Chief.

XXXI. The Commanding Officers of Companies shall be responsible that their Companies are kept up to their full strength, as required by such Regulations; and, in the event of the failure of any Company, as aforesaid, to maintain the complement of men, so required; or, in the event of any Company becoming inefficient, the Commander-in-Chief may disband any such Corps, so incomplete or inefficient; and the Commander-in-Chief may disband any Regiment, Battalion, or Company, if, in his opinion, necessary for the Public good.

XXXII. The Commander-in-Chief may, from time to time, prescribe the qualifications of effective members of Volunteer Militia, provided that such qualification shall include that each Volunteer, to be effective, shall have attended Drill, duly armed and accoutred, not less than sixteen times during the year—such Drills not to be less than one and one-half hour, shall have taken the Oath of Allegiance, and have been inspected in Uniform at such time as may have been ordered, under the authority of the Commander-in-Chief.

XXXIII. The Commander-in-Chief may, from time to time, prescribe the Uniform of the Volunteer Militia, provided that the several Corps in existence at the passing of this Act may continue to wear their then clothing, until the same requires to be replaced; and it shall be the duty of the Officer commanding the administrative Regiments or Battalions to see that the same are, upon any such replacing of clothing, uniformed according to the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, in such respects.

XXXIV. It shall be lawful for the Commander-in-Chief to grant an allowance, not exceeding one pound a year, to each effective Volunteer Militia man so uniformed at his own expense.

XXXV. In case a sufficiency of arms shall not be provided for the whole of the Militia, the Volunteer Militia shall be provided with arms and accoutrements before the Regular and Sedentary Militia.

XXXVI. The Volunteer Militia shall, for purposes of drill, be furnished with a sufficient quantity of blank and ball practice ammunition, in such quantity and manner as the Commander-in-Chief may direct.

XXXVII. Companies of Volunteer Militia may make By-laws for their internal government in time of peace, and may impose fines for the breach of any By-laws; but no such By-laws shall subject any person to a fine until approved by the Commander-in-Chief.