

DISTRICT STAFF.

45. In and for each of the Military Districts there shall be appointed by the Governor in Council an officer, of rank not lower than that of Lieutenant Colonel, who shall, subject to the regulations, command the Militia in his District, and there shall also be appointed such other officers as are from time to time deemed expedient.

Appointment
of district
officers.

OFFICERS.

46. Commissions of officers in the Militia shall be granted by His Majesty during pleasure, and all warrant and non-commissioned officers shall be appointed and shall hold such rank as is prescribed by the regulations.

Commission-
ed, warrant
and non-
commissioned
officers.

47. The Governor General may cause his signature to be affixed to any commission granted or issued under this Act, by stamping the same on such commission with a stamp approved by him, and used for the purpose by his authority; and the signature so affixed shall be, to all intents and purposes, as valid and effectual as if in the handwriting of the Governor General; and neither the authenticity of any such stamped signature, nor the authority of the person by whom it has been affixed to any commission, shall be called in question except on behalf of the Crown; and the forging or counterfeiting of any such stamped signature, or the uttering thereof, knowing it to be forged or counterfeited, shall be an indictable offence punishable in like manner as the forgery of the Privy Seal or Seal-at-arms of the Governor General.

Governor's
signature to
commission.

48. Officers of the Militia may be appointed to corps, and may be transferred to an unattached list, or may be retired with or without honorary rank, and may be reappointed from the retired list, under such regulations as are made from time to time; but no officer shall be bound to serve in the Militia in a lower grade than that of the rank with which he has been retired.

Officers on
retired list.

Reappoint-
ments.

49. All commissions and appointments in the Militia of Canada existing when this Act comes into force shall be deemed to have been issued and made in the Militia under this Act.

As to existing
appointments.

50. In time of peace no officer of the Militia shall be appointed to a higher permanent rank than that of Colonel, except for the purpose of assuming the command of the Militia; but the temporary rank of Brigadier General may be conferred upon an officer of the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel or Colonel while holding any command or appointment for which such rank is authorized by regulations.

Rank in time
of peace.

51. Whenever the Militia is called out on active service during an emergency, the Governor in Council may appoint officers to a rank superior to that of Colonel.

Rank when
called out.