

CHAPTER XXIV.

March 5, 1863.

An Act relating to state arms.

- SECTION 1. No arms shall be issued unless a good and sufficient bond be given for the safe keeping and return of the same.
2. Adjutant General authorized to appoint Board of Survey for the inspection of arms, &c.—duties of said Board—when arms, &c., declared condemned.
 3. Proceeds to be turned over to State Treasurer as an arsenal fund—for what purpose used.
 4. All vouchers paid from said fund to be certified to and approved—by whom.
 5. Adjutant General authorized to drop from the returns of arms all arms issued during the years 1862, 1863 and 1864—duty of Governor.
 6. Adjutant General to prepare all necessary blanks, rules and instructions.
 7. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Bond to be given for safe keeping and return of arms issued.

SECTION 1. No arms, accoutrements or material of war shall be issued by the state to the militia or inhabitants of this state, unless a good and sufficient bond is given for the safe keeping, preservation and return of said arms, said bonds to be approved by the adjutant general. *Provided, always,* That arms issued to the militia called out by the commander-in-chief for active service, shall be issued to the proper commanding officer and be kept and accounted for by such officer according to the army regulations of the United States.

Board of Survey appointed—duty of—condemned arms.

SEC. 2: The adjutant general, whenever in his opinion it is necessary, is authorized to appoint boards of survey of three persons, who shall inspect all arms, accoutrements and ordnance stores, stored in the state arsenal, said board shall make a detailed report of all arms, accoutrements and stores which are unserviceable and unfit for use and such as cannot be made serviceable by reasonable repairs as provided for in section three of this act and upon such report to the adjutant general, said arms and other stores shall be declared as condemned and shall be sold at public

auction, at least three weeks' notice being given of such public sale by publication.

SEC. 3. The proceeds of said sale shall be turned over to the state treasurer and kept by him as an arsenal fund out of which shall be paid all proper expenses for the inspection and sale of said arms, and the repair of such other arms as may be necessary, and ordered by the adjutant general.

Disposition of proceeds.

SEC. 4. All vouchers paid from said fund shall be certified to by the adjutant general as to their correctness, and approved by the governor.

Vouchers to be certified and approved—by whom.

SEC. 5. The adjutant general is authorized to drop from the returns of arms and ordnance such arms and stores as were issued to militia and citizens during the Sioux war of 1862, and also for frontier defence in 1863, and 1864, and are still outstanding, and he is authorized to relieve all persons who gave receipts for the same, from the further responsibility for them.

Drop from the returns certain arms—duty of Governor.

Provided, That it shall be the duty of the governor to cause the return to the state arsenal of all state arms now stored at any place in this state, and to cause the storage charges on the same to be paid by the state.

SEC. 6. The adjutant general shall prepare all necessary blanks, rules and instructions which may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

All necessary blanks to be prepared.

SEC. 7. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 5, 1868.