

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 8.

[Substitute proposed by Mr. WOODS of Kennebec in lieu of bill "An act in aid of the families of volunteers."]

SECTION 1. The cities, towns and plantations in
2 this state are hereby severally empowered to raise
3 money by taxation or otherwise, to be applied to aid
4 in the support of the wife and children under sixteen
5 years of age, being inhabitants of such city, town, or
6 plantation, of any soldier who may be actually en-
7 gaged in the military service of the United States or
8 of this state in any recognized company, battalion,
9 or regiment of this state; also to aid in supporting
10 any other person being inhabitants as aforesaid, who
11 may be dependent on such soldier for support. The
12 money so raised to be expended under the direction of
13 the municipal authorities of said cities, towns, or plan-
14 tations as the actual exigencies of the persons for
15 whose benefit it was intended may severally require.

SECT. 2. Of the money so applied by any city,

2 town, or plantation, as authorized in section one, there
3 shall be reimbursed from the state treasury to such
4 city, town or plantation, an amount not exceeding one
5 dollar per week for a wife and seventy-five cents for
6 each child or other person, being inhabitants as afore-
7 said, who at the time of such soldier's being called
8 into service were and who still continue to be depend-
9 ent on him for their support ; provided, however, that
10 the sum so reimbursed shall not in any case exceed
11 ten dollars per month for all the persons thus depend-
12 ent upon one soldier.

SECT. 3. No such reimbursement shall be made
2 in any case until an account of the expenditures duly
3 certified and sworn to by a majority of the proper
4 municipal authorities, shall be filed with the governor
5 and council, which account shall set forth the name of
6 the soldier for whose family or dependent expense has
7 been incurred, also the name of each person who re-
8 ceived aid and the sum paid for each of said persons.
9 Accounts thus made out and filed within the time
10 hereinafter prescribed shall be examined by the gov-
11 ernor and council and if found by them to be correct
12 and duly vouched shall be approved.

SECT. 4. Such accounts shall be filed with the gov-
2 ernor and council on or before the fifteenth day of Jan-

3 uary in each year, and shall be passed upon by them
4 on or before the first day of March following. If ap-
5 proved, the amount allowed shall be passed to the credit
6 of the city, town or plantation making the claim on
7 said first day of March, by the state treasurer, in a
8 book kept for the purpose, and shall draw interest on
9 and after that date. And on said first day of March
10 the treasurer shall issue to such city, town or planta-
11 tion, in his capacity of treasurer, his scrip for the
12 amount found due to each, respectively, made payable
13 to the order of the treasurer of such city, town or plan-
14 tation, at the state treasurer's office, at the pleasure of
15 the state, with annual interest.

SECT. 5. The provisions of this act shall apply to
2 expenditures made before its passage, and the time for
3 filing the accounts for expenditures made under the
4 sixth section of chapter 63 of the public laws of 1861
5 shall be on or before the first day of April 1862, and
6 the time for passing upon such accounts by the gover-
7 nor and council, on or before the first day of June 1862,
8 so that the amount allowed in each case shall be cred-
9 ited and draw interest on and after the date last named.
10 No disabilities shall be created by reason of receiving
11 the aid provided for in this act.

SECT. 6. The word plantation where it occurs in

2 this act is intended to include plantations duly organ-
3 ized for election purposes.

SECT. 7. Section sixth of chapter sixty-three of
2 the public laws of 1861 is hereby repealed, and this
3 act shall take effect from and after its approval by
4 the governor.

IN SENATE, Feb. 5, 1862.

Bill "An act in aid of the families of Volunteers," being under consideration, Mr. WOODS of Kennebec, proposed a substitute for the bill, which was tabled and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary.*