

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 31.

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## REPORT.

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The Joint Special Committee, to which was referred the order, directing inquiry into the expediency of the State assuming the liabilities incurred by the cities, towns and plantations in this State, in paying bounties to soldiers, together with the returns of said cities, towns, &c., giving the amount paid by the same, have given the subject that protracted and careful attention which its importance demanded, and have arrived at the conclusion that the time has not come for final action, for various reasons which occurred to your Committee, among the most important of which is, the fear that an assumption at this time by the State of said liabilities, or such portion thereof as could be agreed upon, might embarrass the action of Congress already inaugurated, looking to the assumption by the general government of all liabilities incurred by the several loyal States for war purposes. Your Committee therefore ask leave to report the accompanying resolve and to recommend that the returns above mentioned be deposited in the office of the Adjutant General for safe keeping.

Per Order.

JOSEPH A. SANBORN.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE relating to the state assuming liabilities of cities, towns and plantations in paying bounties.

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*Resolved,* That in the opinion of the legislature of  
2 Maine, the principle of paying bounties to our citizens  
3 for military service has been approved by the people  
4 of this state as less objectionable, under the circum-  
5 stances that have surrounded them, than filling the  
6 quotas of this state under the several calls of the pres-  
7 ident by draft; and having adopted this principle as  
8 wise and expedient, it seems to be generally conceded  
9 that the burden should fall equally upon the property  
10 of all sections of our state; therefore in the judgment  
11 of this legislature, the legislature of Maine at a future  
12 session should pass an act assuming by the state such  
13 liabilities, unless congress shall take such action in the  
14 premises as to give reasonable assurance that said  
15 liabilities will be assumed and paid by the general  
16 government.

A.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY MR. LITTLE OF AUBURN.

Amend the Report by striking out all after the word "and" in the tenth line and insert the following: ask leave to report the following bill.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR.

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AN ACT for the assumption by the state of the expenditures of cities, towns and plantations in raising troops for the service of the United States by draft or otherwise.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. There shall be paid from the treasury of  
2 the state to the treasurer of each city, town and planta-  
3 tion in the state, for every man furnished by said city,  
4 town or plantation to fill its respective quotas under  
5 the calls of the president of May twenty-fifth, A. D.  
6 eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and August fourth,  
7 A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-two, who shall  
8 have been mustered into the service of the United  
9 States, the sum of one hundred dollars each, and for

10 every man drafted from any city, town or plantation,  
11 who shall have entered the service aforesaid either by  
12 himself or substitute, two hundred dollars; and for  
13 every man furnished by such city, town or plantation  
14 to fill its respective quota under the call of the presi-  
15 dent of October seventeenth, A. D. eighteen hundred  
16 and sixty-three, who shall have entered the service as  
17 aforesaid, two hundred dollars; *provided however*, that  
18 no city, town or plantation shall be entitled to receive  
19 under this act more than it shall have expended in  
20 bounties to fill up its quotas as aforesaid.

SECT. 2. All claims of cities, towns and plantations  
2 arising under this act, shall be paid in state scrip with  
3 coupons for annual interest attached; said scrip and  
4 interest thereon shall be made payable at the office of  
5 the treasurer of state.

SECT. 3. The treasurer of state for the purposes  
2 aforesaid, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare  
3 scrip with coupons attached, for annual interest, to be  
4 signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the sec-  
5 retary of state. The interest coupons to be signed  
6 only by the treasurer; said scrip shall be made in de-  
7 nominations of one hundred dollars, three hundred dol-  
8 lars, five hundred dollars and ten hundred dollars, and  
9 shall bear date January first, A. D. eighteen hundred

10 and sixty-five, and be made payable as follows, to wit:  
11 one hundred thousand dollars in one year from said  
12 first day of January, and one hundred thousand dollars  
13 each successive year until the whole amount is paid.

SECT. 4. No scrip shall be issued by the treasurer  
2 of state to the treasurer of any city, town or plantation  
3 under the provisions of this act, until the claim of such  
4 city, town or plantation shall have been examined by  
5 the governor and council and by them allowed and  
6 approved. And whenever a claim thus approved shall  
7 be presented to the treasurer, he is hereby authorized  
8 and directed to deliver, on or after the first day of  
9 January, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-five, to  
10 the treasurer of the city, town or plantation presenting  
11 the same, scrip to the amount of such claim, distrib-  
12 uting the scrip in respect to denominations and time of  
13 maturity as equally as in his judgment is practicable.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of the municipal au-  
2 thorities of any city, town or plantation, claiming the  
3 benefits of this act, to make out an account of its  
4 expenditures in raising troops for the service of the  
5 United States, duly certified and sworn to by a major-  
6 ity of the proper officers of such city, town or planta-  
7 tion, and file the same with the governor and council,  
8 which account shall set forth the name of each soldier

9 furnished under each call, and by draft, as mentioned  
10 in the first section of this act, with the amount of  
11 bounty paid to each. All accounts made out and filed  
12 as aforesaid on or before the first day of July next,  
13 shall be examined by the governor and council, and if  
14 found correct and duly vouched, shall be approved.

SECT. 6. The credit of the state is hereby pledged  
2 to the payment of the scrip authorized by this act, and  
3 a tax sufficient to pay the interest and one hundred  
4 thousand dollars of the principal shall be assessed an-  
5 nually for the purpose.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect from and after its  
2 approval by the governor.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 19, 1864. }

On motion of Mr. LITTLE of Auburn, laid on the table and 350 copies of Report and Resolve, together with proposed amendment A, ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*