STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT providing bounties for soldiers.

[New draft as amended by the legislature.]

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 the state to each person who has enlisted or shall enlist and be mustered into the military or naval service of the United States on the quota of this state, a bounty of three hundred dollars, subject to the following limitations:

7 First—This bounty shall not be paid for any enlistment upon any quota due from any town under any call prior to February first, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and not heretofore assigned, nor for en-
listments from any town beyond the quota required of such town to meet the call of February first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, unless that town shall have previously filled the quota assigned to it under the call of October seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three; and no person residing in this state, enlisting since February second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and not heretofore assigned, shall be credited to any city, town or plantation other than that in which he has his residence. And enlistments from any town, city or plantation over and above its quotas under the calls of October and February, shall be credited to it for its benefit under any call that may hereafter be made.

Second—This act shall not apply to enlistments for coast and frontier defence, unless persons enlisting in that branch of the service shall be ordered for duty beyond the limits of the state, in which case they shall be paid two hundred dollars in addition to the bounty now established by law. And aliens and non-residents shall be credited to the town who may procure their enlistments.

Sect. 2. Soldiers already in the service, and re-enlisting, shall be paid such bounty under the same
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3 regulations and conditions as those enlisting for the first time.

Sect. 3. No person shall be entitled to receive from this state, or any town in it, any sum in addition to the bounty provided for in this act.

Sect. 4. Any sum paid as bounty from any source, except from the United States, to any such soldier, shall be deducted from the amount to be paid from the state treasury.

Sect. 5. Cities, towns and plantations are hereby authorized to raise a sum of money not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each man of its proportion of troops required by any call by the President, to be used in paying recruiting agents, and other expenses of enlistment, which shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as other moneys raised for necessary municipal purposes.

Sect. 6. Any city, town or plantation is hereby authorized to make temporary provision for, and pay to its recruits, such bounty, under the aforesaid conditions, which shall be reimbursed to it from the state treasury, but payment of a greater sum than three hundred dollars per man shall operate as a forfeiture of the right to reimbursement, in the case of each person so overpaid.
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Sect. 7. This act shall take effect on its approval by the governor.

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In Senate, March 22, 1864.

House amendments adopted in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed, and 1,000 copies of original bill as amended by this bill, ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EZRA C. BRETT, Secretary.