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No. 76.

MINORITY REPORT.

A minority of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred bill entitled an act for the assumption by the State of the municipal war debts, being unable to concur in the action of the majority upon that bill, ask leave to report the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the assumption in part of the war debt of towns.

WHEREAS, justice, sound policy, and the severe 2 pressure of the war debts of the towns, in their 3 present form, upon the people, demand that a portion 4 of these debts be assumed by the state, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. There shall be allowed to the several 2 towns in the state, the sum of forty dollars for each 3 man actually furnished to fill their respective quotas, 4 under the several calls of the President of the United 5 States, for troops during the war of the rebellion, and 6 to whom a bounty not less than that has been paid 7 by said town, and not refunded.

SECT. 2. The payments aforesaid shall be made in 2 six per cent. coupon bonds of the state, of the denom-

ASSUMPTION OF WAR DEBTS.

3 inations of one thousand, five hundred, and one hun-4 dred dollars, dated July first, eighteen hundred and 5 sixty-six, and payable in ten years, with interest pay-6 able semi-annually in Boston, and executed in the 7 same manner as those last issued by the state.

SECT. 3. The governor and council shall examine 2 the claims of the several towns under this act, and 3 shall determine the amount to which each is entitled; 4 and the treasurer, under the direction of the governor, 5 shall issue the bonds of the state accordingly.

SECT. 4. Where the amount of any claim cannot be 2 made out in bonds of said denominations, payment 3 shall be made as little in excess of it as may be, 4 and the excess shall be paid back by the town 5 receiving it.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

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House of Representatives, February 20, 1866.

Reported by Mr. FOSTER, from Committee on Judiciary, and en his motion laid on the table and ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying bill.

F. M. DREW, Clerk.