

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 217.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE to provide for the Uniforming of the  
Enlisted Men of the Maine Volunteer Militia.

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*Resolved,* That there be and is hereby appropri-  
2 ated the sum of nine thousand dollars, for re uni-  
3 forming and repairing the old uniforms of the  
4 Maine Volunteer Militia.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The active militia, known as the "Volunteer Militia," are entitled, by the provisions of chapter 225, section 74, Public Laws of 1880, to clothing as follows, viz: "Non-commissioned officers and privates shall be uniformed once in *five years* at the expense of the State, reckoning from May first, 1880, *providing, however*, that such uniforms as are in suitable condition on said date, may be used in part to uniform said militia.

The present uniforms have been in use since 1880. The State has in all, seventeen companies of infantry (allowing fifty-two uniforms to a company), and two platoons of light battery (with thirty-five uniforms to each platoon). In addition to the above, there are twelve non-commissioned staff officers to uniform. Under the law the militia were entitled to be re-uniformed *two years* ago, but owing to the appropriation made for the Grand Army of the Republic to entertain the National Encampment in the city of Portland in 1885, and the fair condition of many of the uniforms at that time and a willingness on the part of both officers and men to be as economical as possible, it was thought best not to ask for an appropriation for uniforms that year, but to make the old ones last two years longer by repairing and adding some new where it could not be avoided.

It was found necessary to expend between \$700 and \$800 in 1886, from the regular military appropriation, in order to put some of the companies in a condition to appear in public. The militia ask this year for an appropriation of \$9,000 to uniform one regiment, as follows: Eight companies of fifty-two uniforms to each, at \$20 per man, \$8,320; for repairing the old uniforms to place them in a suitable condition for two years longer service, a sum equal, at least, to the balance of the \$9,000 will be required.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. }  
March 4, 1887. }

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iner; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.