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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 59.

An act to repeal an act entitled "an act in relation to county officers," approved March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

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

SECT. 1. An act entitled "an act in relation to county officers," approved March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, is hereby repealed.

Act of March 13, 1861, repealed.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved April 23, 1861.]

Chapter 60.

An act to provide for the defence of the coast and commerce of Maine.

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

SECT. 1. Whenever in the judgment of the governor and council it shall become necessary to protect the coast of the state from the invasion of a hostile force, they are authorized to procure, equip, officer and man such armed vessels as they may think expedient, to cruise along the seaboard of the state, and act as a coast guard to the inhabitants and property thereof.

Governor and council authorized to procure, equip, &c., vessels for the defence of the coast of Maine.

CHAP. 61.

Officers, &c.,
rank and com-
pensation to be
fixed by gov-
ernor and
council.

Appropriation.

SECT. 2. The relative rank of the officers of said armed vessels, their compensation, and the number and compensation of the seamen employed in the same, shall be fixed by the governor and council.

SECT. 3. The sum of three hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to carry out the objects of this act, and the governor is authorized to draw his warrant for that sum.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved April 24, 1861.]

Chapter 61.

An act to authorize the governor to accept the services of females as nurses in the army.

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

Governor
authorized to
accept services
of females as
nurses.

SECT. 1. The governor is hereby authorized and empowered to accept the services of females to act under the direction of the army surgeons as nurses for our sick and wounded soldiers, mustered into the service of the United States from this state, and to make such provision for their comfort and support while so employed as in his judgment shall be just and expedient.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 24, 1861.]

Chapter 62.

An act amendatory of chapter ten of the revised statutes relating to the militia.

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

Ch. 10, sec. 3,
R. S., amended.

SECT. 1. The third section of chapter ten of the revised statutes is amended by adding after the word "invasion" in the third line thereof, the following: or to be mustered into the service of the United States upon a requisition made upon the governor and commander-in-chief, by the president thereof, by virtue of the constitution and acts of congress.

Section 6,
amended.

SECT. 2. The sixth section of said chapter ten of the revised statutes is amended by adding thereto the following: and shall be subject to be mustered into the service of the United States upon a requisition made upon the governor and commander-in-