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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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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-

chief, by the president of the United States, by virtue of the constitution and acts of congress.

SECT. 3. When it shall become necessary to form companies and regiments from the militia or volunteers by draft or otherwise, elections for officers may be upon such notice to the electors less than ten days as the officer ordering the election may direct.

Officers, election of.

SECT. 4. The governor is hereby authorized to accept the services of volunteers over forty-five years of age to be employed in defence of the state, to be enrolled, organized and disciplined under the direction of the governor, and to be paid the same compensation while in active service as is now provided for similar service by volunteers.

Governor authorized to accept services of volunteers over 45 years of age, &c.

SECT. 5. So much of section one of the act to which this act is additional, as exempts engine men and officers who have held military or naval commissions and who have been regularly discharged, or have in accordance with military or naval usage without fault on their part been discharged or ceased to act as such, from liability to do military duty, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 1, ch. 10, R. S., part of relating to certain exemptions, repealed.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor.

[Approved April 25, 1861.]

Chapter 63.

An act to authorize the raising of ten regiments, to aid the president of the United States in enforcing the laws and maintaining the government thereof, and to protect the same against its enemies, and in defence of the state.

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

SECT. 1. The governor is hereby authorized and empowered to accept the services, and cause to be enlisted, enrolled and mustered into the service of the state, for two years, unless sooner discharged by the governor and council, ten regiments of volunteers, not exceeding one thousand men to each regiment, to be officered, organized and equipped in such manner as the governor may order and direct, and in accordance with the constitution, and without regard to existing military districts. Elections for officers may be ordered and presided over by any major general in the volunteer militia of this state, or by any officer detailed by him, at such times and places, and upon such notice to the electors, less than ten days, as the officer ordering the election may direct; the said force, hereby authorized, being in addition to the present military organization of the state, and a part of the militia thereof; the

Volunteers, governor authorized to cause to be enlisted, &c., ten regiments, not to exceed one thousand in each regiment. —how officered, &c.

Officers, election of.

Volunteers to form part of the militia of the state.