

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

[EXTRA SESSION.]

No. 4.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the defence of the coast and com-
merce of Maine.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever in the judgment of the gov-
2 ernor it shall become necessary to protect the coast of
3 the state from the invasion of a hostile force, he is
4 authorized to procure, equip, officer and man such
5 armed vessels as he may think expedient, to cruise
6 along the seaboard of the state and act as a coast
7 guard to the inhabitants and property thereof.

SECT. 2. The relative rank of the officers of said
2 armed vessels, their compensation, and the number

3 and compensation of the seamen employed in the same,
4 shall be fixed by the governor and council.

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

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

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
April 23, 1861. }

Reported by Joint Select Committee on Governor's Address, and
350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER, *Clerk.*