

Chap. 421.

AN ACT to provide for the reimbursement of certain persons and regiments belonging to the militia of this State for clothing and equipments lost or destroyed in the service of the United States.

Passed April 22, 1862; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Comptroller, State Treasurer, Quartermaster General and Inspector General are hereby constituted a board, who are authorized and required to receive proof, ascertain and determine the sums due to regiments or members of the militia of this State, duly enrolled in the several companies, battalions and regiments thereof, for clothing and equipments, belonging to such persons or regiments, lost or destroyed in the service of the United States since the sixteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

§ 2. No person shall be entitled to receive any compensation under the provisions of this act, who shall not have furnished such uniform and equipments at his own expense, and who is not at the time of presenting his claim a member of the uniformed militia of this state; but any regiment of the uniformed militia of this state that volunteered for three months service, and was mustered into the service of United States, and duly served at the seat of war, shall be entitled to receive and draw in one sum an amount equal to the gross sum which such regiment would receive at the rate of twenty-five dollars for each and every member thereof who actually served at the seat of war; provided the company by-laws of such regiment make the uniforms thereof the common property of the companies of the regiment; and provided also that the gross compensation thus drawn by a regiment shall not exceed in amount the value of the number of uniforms actually filled by such regiment in the service of the United States, at the pro rata valuation provided for in this act, and that the amount thus

Board constituted to fix sums due.

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Pay to uniformed militia.

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drawn by such regiment shall be expended wholly in the purchase of new uniforms under such regulations and restrictions as the board of commissioners named in this act may direct.

Sums deducted.

§ 3. Any sum received by such person or regiments by way of commutation for clothing from the United States, and the value of any clothing or equipments furnished at the expense of this state, for which such person or regiment shall not have been charged, shall be deducted from the amount which might otherwise become due to persons or regiments applying for compensation under the terms of this act.

Powers of commissioners.

§ 4. For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, the commissioners above named, shall have power to call upon the commandants of the several regiments, battalions, and companies of the uniformed militia of this state to furnish such rolls, rosters and other statements duly verified or certified, as they may deem necessary; and shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations, and to take testimony in regard to such claims.

Claims for compensation.

§ 5. All claims for compensation, under the provisions of this act, shall be presented to said commissioners in writing duly verified by the person or the field officers of a regiment claiming the same, on or before the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, under such regulations as said commissioners shall prescribe.

Warrant upon Treasurer.

§ 6. The Comptroller, upon the certificate of said commissioners, shall from time to time, draw his warrant upon the Treasurer for such sums as may be required by said commissioners for their necessary and proper expenses, and for such sums as may be awarded by said commissioners to any persons or regiments under the provisions of this act; provided, however, that no individual shall be entitled to receive a larger sum than twenty-five dollars for uniform and equipments; and that no regiment shall receive more than the gross amount to which it is entitled at the rate of twenty-five dollars for each and every member thereof who actually served at the seat of war; which sum shall include the value of any clothing furnished by this state for which such person shall not have been charged, and the commutation for clothing mentioned in the third section of this act.

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§ 7. The sum of fifty thousand dollars or so much ^{\$50,000.} thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this act out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

§ 8. No regiment or member of the militia of this state, shall be entitled to receive any payment or compensation under the provisions of this act, when such ^{When regiment not to receive pay under this act.} regiment, or the regiment or company to which such member is attached, shall have received payment or compensation from a city or county for the uniforms and equipments worn and used in the service of the United States.

§ 9. It shall be the duty of the Governor of this state ^{Duty of Governor.} to cause to be presented to the proper officers of the United States, accounts to be prepared under the direction of said board, setting forth all payments made under the provisions of this act, with the proper vouchers thereof, and to endeavor to obtain a reimbursement of the same, and to pay into the treasury of this state all sums received in settlement of the same.

§ 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

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AN ACT to provide for the consolidation of banking associations.

Passed April 22, 1862; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Any two or more banking associations, ^{Authority.} organized under the general banking laws of this state, and located in the same city, village or town, are hereby authorized to consolidate the same into a single association, to be located in the same place in the manner following :

§ 2. The directors of the said associations may enter ^{Proceedings to consolidate.} into an agreement under their respective corporate seals, for the union or consolidation of the said associations, prescribing the terms and conditions thereof, the mode of carrying the same into effect, the name and duration