end of section one, stricken out.

bounties to colored soldiers, and the pensions, bounties, and allowances to their heirs," approved June fifteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, be, and the same are hereby, stricken out.

Agent or attorney making claim for bounty must file with each claim his oath that, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That whenever application shall be made by any claimant for bounty under the provisions of the joint resolution aforesaid, by or through any agent or attorney, such agent or attorney shall hereafter be required to file with each claim his oath or affirmation that he has no interest whatever in said bounty beyond the fees for collection of the same, which are hereby fixed and established as

Fees of agents.

follows, viz: for the preparation and prosecution of claims for, and the collection and remittance of, all sums not exceeding fifty dollars, the sum of five dollars; for all sums exceeding fifty and less than one hundred dollars, the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents; and for all sums exceeding one hundred dollars, the sum of ten dollars; and said fees shall include all expenses incident to the collection of said claims, except the expense of the necessary affidavits and notarial or other acknowledgments,

Penalty for charging more than legal fees.

which shall be defrayed by the claimant; and any agent or attorney who shall charge, directly or indirectly, in any case, a greater sum for his services in preparing and prosecuting said claims and collecting and remitting the amount due, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be punished by fine not exceeding three thousand nor less than one thousand dollars, and shall be forever excluded from prosecuting military or naval claims against the government.

If payments are made by check, &c. claimant how to establish his identity.

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved*, That in case the payments shall be made in the form of a check, order, or draft upon any paymaster, national bank, or government depository, it shall be necessary for the claimant to establish, by the affidavits of two credible witnesses, that he is the identical person named therein; but in no case shall such checks, orders, or drafts be made negotiable until after such identification.

Soldiers not to sell or assign, &c. discharges, &c.

Such sales, &c. void.

SEC. 4. *And be it further resolved*, That it shall not be lawful for any soldier to transfer, assign, barter, or sell his discharge, for the purpose of transferring, assigning, bartering, or selling any interest in any bounty under the provisions of said resolution; and all such transfers, assignments, barters, or sales heretofore made are hereby declared null and void as to any rights intended so to be conveyed by any such soldier.

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[No. 87.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of certain Officers of the Army.*

Certain commissioned officers actually entering on duty, but not mustered in within &c. to have full pay from what date.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in every case in which a commissioned officer actually entered on duty as such commissioned officer, but by reason of being killed in battle, capture by the enemy, or other cause beyond his control, and without fault or neglect of his own, was not mustered within a period of not less than thirty days, the pay department shall allow to such officer full pay and emoluments of his rank from the date on which such officer actually entered on such duty as aforesaid, deducting from the amount paid in accordance with this resolution all pay actually received by such officer for such period.

Heirs, &c. of such officers to receive arrears of pay and pensions.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the heirs or legal representatives of any officer whose muster into service has been or shall be amended hereby, shall be entitled to receive the arrears of pay due such officer or the pension provided by law for the grade into which such officer is mustered under the provisions of the first section of this resolution.

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