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CHAP. CXXVIII. — *An Act to reimburse the State of West Virginia for Moneys expended for the United States in enrolling, equipping, and paying Military Forces to aid in suppressing the Rebellion.*

Commissioners to ascertain the amount expended by West Virginia for State forces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That immediately after the passage of this act the President shall appoint three commissioners whose duty it shall be to ascertain the amount of moneys expended by the State of West Virginia in enrolling, supplying, equipping, subsisting, transporting, and paying such State forces as have been called into service in said State since the twentieth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to act in concert with the United States forces in the suppression of rebellion against the United States.

Duty of commissioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners so appointed shall proceed at once to examine all the expenditures made by said State for the purposes herein named, allowing only for disbursements made and amounts assumed by the State for enrolling, equipping, subsisting, transporting, supplying, and paying such troops as were called into service by the governor, at the request of the United States department commander commanding the district in which West Virginia may at the time have been included, or by the express order, consent, or concurrence of such commander, or which may have been employed in suppressing rebellion in said State. And no allowance shall be made for any troops which did not perform actual military service in full concert and co-operation with the authorities of the United States and subject to their orders.

No allowance except for actual service.

Certain amounts to be stated separately.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in making up said account, for the convenience of the accounting officers of the government, the commissioners shall state separately the amounts expended, respectively, for enrolling, equipping, arming, subsisting, transporting, and paying said troops, and from the aggregate amount they shall deduct the amount of direct tax due by the said State to the United States under the act entitled "An act to provide increased revenue from imports, pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes," approved August fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Amount of direct tax to be deducted. 1861, ch. 45. Vol. xii. p. 292.

Rate of allowance for expenditures or services.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in the adjustment of accounts under this act the commissioners shall not allow for any expenditure or compensation for service at a rate greater than was at the time authorized by the laws of the United States in similar cases.

Commissioners to make report to Secretary of Treasury.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That so soon as said commissioners shall have made up said account and ascertained the balance, as herein directed, they shall make written report thereof, showing the different items of expenditure, as hereinbefore stated, to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall cause the same to be examined by the proper accounting officers of the treasury, and said officers shall audit the accounts as in ordinary cases; and if from their report it shall appear that any sum remains due to the said State, he shall draw his warrant for the same, payable to the governor of said State, and deliver it to him.

Accounts to be audited, and what is found due, if anything, to be paid.

Commissioners to be sworn.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid shall, before proceeding to the discharge of their duties, be sworn that they will carefully examine the accounts existing between the United States and the State of West Virginia, and that they will, to the best of their ability, make a just, true, and impartial statement thereof, as required by this act. They shall receive such compensation for their services as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Compensation.

Appropriation.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of three hundred and sixty-eight thousand five hundred and forty-eight dollars and thirty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to carry this act into effect.

For mode of disbursement, see 1867, ch. 10. Vol. xv. p. 6.

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