

OREGON VOLUNTEERS—PAY OF.

COPY OF AN ACT

OF THE

TERRITORY OF OREGON,

PROVIDING

For the payment of Volunteers in the service of the Territory.

APRIL 1, 1856.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

AN ACT to provide for paying the volunteers in the service of the Territory, and for the prosecution of the existing Indian war.

Whereas, by an unprovoked hostile outbreak of all the Indian tribes on the frontiers of Oregon, a general Indian war exists between the people of said Territory and said Indian tribes: therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon,* That for the purpose of enabling the people of said Territory to prosecute said war to a speedy and successful termination, the governor be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ the full military force of the Territory, to call for and accept the services of any number of volunteers, not exceeding three full regiments, who may offer their services as mounted riflemen, to serve for six (6) months after they shall have arrived at the place of rendezvous, or to the end of the war, unless sooner discharged.

SEC. 2. Said volunteers shall, as far as practicable, furnish their own arms and clothing, horses and equipment.

SEC. 3. Said volunteers so offering their services shall be accepted by the governor in companies, battalions, or squadrons, and regiments, whose officers shall be elected and commissioned as prescribed by the laws of said Territory.

SEC. 4. Whenever such volunteers are called and received into the service of the Territory by virtue of this act, each non-commissioned officer and private shall be entitled to receive two dollars per day and rations, and two dollars per day for the use and risk of his horse, except for horses actually killed in action, unavoidably lost, or reported unfit for service, and turned over to the quartermaster, in which case the owner shall receive the appraised value thereof. And all commis-

sioned officers shall receive the same pay as officers of the same rank in the army of the United States: *Provided*, That commissioned officers shall receive the same pay for the use and risk of horses as non-commissioned officers.

SEC. 5. This act, as far as the same relates to the pay of the volunteers, shall be so construed as to apply to all who have been in the service of the Territory since the commencement of the existing Indian war; and it shall also extend to the services of the ninth regiment of Oregon militia, while in actual service in said war.

SEC. 6. This act to take effect, and be in force, from and after its passage.

Passed the House January 19th, 1856.

DELAZON SMITH,
Speaker of the Ho. of Reps.

Passed the Council January 24, 1856.

A. P. DENNISON,
President of the Council.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original.

T. H. B. ODENEAL, *Clerk.*

TERRITORY OF OREGON, ss:

I, B. F. Harding, secretary of the Territory of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the original act, now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed
[L. s.] the seal of the Territory, at Salem, this 5th day of February,
A. D. 1856.

B. F. HARDING,
Secretary of the Territory of Oregon.