

HOUSE No. 1247

Bill accompanying the petition of Harrison H. Atwood relative to the salary of the chief quartermaster and of the superintendent of armories of the militia. Public Service. February 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen

AN ACT

To establish the Pay of Officers in the Quartermaster's Corps of the Militia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section eighty-two of chapter three hundred and
2 twenty-seven of the General Acts of the year nineteen
3 hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking
4 out the words "not exceeding two thousand dollars a
5 year", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof
6 the words:—the United States pay of grade, including
7 longevity pay, forty-five hundred dollars,—by striking
8 out the words "An officer of the quartermaster corps of
9 the land forces, detailed to have supervision of state
10 armories, shall receive compensation not exceeding eight
11 hundred dollars a year, to be paid out of the appropria-
12 tion for maintenance of armories of the first class", in

13 the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh lines;
14 by striking out the words "eighteen hundred", in the
15 forty-ninth line, and inserting in place thereof the words:
16—two thousand,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 82.*
17 The chief quartermaster shall receive compensation as
18 such the United States pay of grade, including longevity
19 pay, forty-five hundred dollars. An officer of the quarter-
20 master corps of the land forces with the grade of captain,
21 detailed to act as superintendent of the state arsenal,
22 shall receive fifteen hundred dollars a year, and shall be
23 in the quartermaster corps of the land forces as a clerk
24 in addition to the clerks hereinafter provided for. The
25 chief quartermaster shall give bond to the common-
26 wealth in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars, with
27 such surety or sureties as may be approved by the gov-
28 ernor and council, conditioned faithfully to perform the
29 duties of his office, to use all necessary diligence and care
30 in the safe keeping of military stores and property of the
31 commonwealth committed to his custody, and to account
32 for and deliver over to his successor, or to any person
33 authorized to receive the same, such stores and property.
34 The commander-in-chief may require the duties imposed
35 upon the chief quartermaster to be performed by any
36 officer of the land forces, who shall, in that case, give
37 bond to the commonwealth in like manner as is required
38 of the chief quartermaster. The chief quartermaster,
39 under the orders of the commander-in-chief, shall have the
40 care and control of the state camp ground and all other
41 land held for military purposes, of all state arsenals and
42 magazines, of the soldiers' burial lot and monument at
43 Dedham, and of all military property of the common-
44 wealth except such as is by law expressly intrusted to
45 the keeping of other officers. He shall procure and pro-
46 vide transportation for the land forces and for all their

47 implements, munitions of war and military supplies;
48 such transportation to be in kind whenever that is prac-
49 ticable. He shall, at the public expense, provide suitable
50 places for the safe keeping of all munitions of war, and
51 all other implements of war. Such implements shall be
52 designated as the property of the commonwealth by
53 suitable permanent brands or marks on each of them.
54 He may allow annually proper accounts for the repair of
55 uniforms and equipment. He shall adjust all accounts
56 relating to loans of state military property to cities and
57 towns, institutions and schools, and shall require annual
58 returns of such property and of its condition, at such
59 time and in such manner as he may direct, and may at
60 any time, under the direction of the commander-in-chief,
61 require the return of the whole or any part of such
62 property as he may deem best for the commonwealth.
63 He may employ the following assistants: one superin-
64 tendent of armories, with a salary of two thousand dollars
65 a year; one watchman, with a salary of eight hundred
66 dollars a year. The actual transportation expenses of
67 the superintendent of armories, in visiting the various
68 armories of the state under the direction of the chief
69 quartermaster, shall be paid from the appropriation for
70 maintenance of armories of the first class. The chief
71 quartermaster may employ such clerks and other
72 assistants as may be necessary in his department, at an
73 expense not exceeding the amount annually appropriated
74 therefor.

