

[Extra Session.]

SENATE No. 7.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, May 17, 1861.

The Joint Special Committee to whom was recommitted an Act in aid of the families of Volunteers, with the amendments offered to the same, have considered the same, and report the said Bill in a new draft.

Per order of the Committee,

EBEN F. STONE, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-One.

AN ACT

In aid of the Families of Volunteers.

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

1 SECT. 1. Towns or cities may, by vote, raise and
2 appropriate money to be applied, if necessary, by the
3 selectmen, or mayor and aldermen, for the aid of such
4 persons as may be dependent upon any of their inhab-
5 itants, who, as volunteers, or otherwise, may be called
6 into the service of the United States: *provided*, that
7 the amount so appropriated shall not, in any one year,
8 exceed one-half of one per cent. of the valuation of
9 the town or city for the same year.

1 SECT. 2. Any town or city may, by vote, raise
2 money to defray any expense already incurred, or to

3 carry out and fulfil any contract heretofore made in
4 behalf of any persons who may have enlisted as
5 members of the volunteer militia, or who have been
6 or may be called into the military or naval service of
7 the United States; but all contracts now subsisting
8 between any town or city and any member of the
9 volunteer militia as such, shall terminate in thirty
10 days from the passage hereof.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

