

HOUSE.... No. 318.

[Amendments offered by Mr. CARTER, of Bradford.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. Carter, of Bradford, moves to amend an Act for the Equalization of Bounties, by striking out the first section, and substituting the following:—

1 SECT. 1. There shall be paid to each and every
2 soldier, excepting those who served as substitutes,
3 who, as a part of the quota of the Commonwealth,
4 has been heretofore duly mustered into the service of
5 the United States, during the war for the suppression
6 of the rebellion, and has received or may receive an
7 honorable discharge from service, the sum of nine
8 dollars per month for each and every month of his
9 whole service up to the date of his final discharge:
10 *provided, however,* that in calculating the amount to
11 be paid to each soldier, deduction shall be made for
12 any and all payments of bounty or pay heretofore
13 made or agree to be made to him by this Common-
14 wealth, or which has been made to him by any city
15 or town and reimbursed to said city or town by the

16 Commonwealth, under the provisions of chapter two
17 hundred and eighteen of the laws of the year eighteen
18 hundred and sixty-three ; and that when any soldier
19 has received a commission, he shall receive pay under
20 this act only for the time he served as a private soldier
21 or non-commissioned officer.

Also to amend the second section by adding the following
at the end of the 28th line :—

1 *Provided, however,* that the treasurer of the Common-
2 wealth, under the direction of the governor and council,
3 and with their consent, may borrow, from individuals
4 or institutions, such sums of money from time to time
5 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
6 act in whole or in part, if it shall be deemed advis-
7 able to do so ; and if any money shall be thus bor-
8 rowed, the treasurer shall pay the same in carrying
9 out the provisions of this act, instead of issuing certi-
10 ficates of indebtedness as heretofore provided, or in
11 redeeming any certificates which he may have issued.

Also, to amend the 4th section by adding the following :—

1 *Provided, however,* that if any private soldier or non-
2 commissioned officer has been discharged to be pro-
3 moted in another regiment, or has at any time
4 received a commission, he shall be entitled to the pay
5 provided in the first section so long as he served as a
6 private soldier or non-commissioned officer.

Also, to amend the 5th section by striking out all after the
word “ discharge,” in the 4th line, and insert the following :

1 The amount to which he would have been entitled,
2 if alive, shall be paid to such of the following per-
3 sons as he has left, or may leave, surviving him, and
4 in the order following, and to no other person, to wit:
5 First, his widow ; second, if he has left or may leave
6 no widow, to his children, share and share alike ; if
7 he has left or may leave neither widow nor children,
8 then to the following persons, in the following order,
9 provided they were at the time of his death residents
10 of this Commonwealth, to wit: First, to his father ;
11 second, to his mother ; third, to his brothers and
12 sisters, share and share alike.

