

Laws of Maryland, Authorizing the Publication of Histories of Maryland Volunteers, Civil War, 1861-'65.

The laws passed by the General Assembly of Maryland creating a Commission to compile, and authorizing the publication of the Histories of Maryland Volunteers during the Civil War, 1861-'65, for the preservation of the Federal Union, Volumes I and II, as well as the laws supplemental thereto making additional appropriations to complete publication, and authorizing other editions; also providing for the distribution thereof, are inserted herein for the information of all concerned.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE RECORDS OF THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES ACCREDITED TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND, IN THE LATE CIVIL WAR, AND TO PUBLISH THE SAME, AND TO MAKE A SUITABLE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor shall, within thirty days after the passage of this Act, appoint three citizens, of whom the Adjutant-General of the State shall be one, and the other two of whom shall be representative soldiers who served in actual warfare as a part of the quota of the State of Maryland in the United States Army or Navy during the late Civil War, as Commissioners of the State, to carry out the provisions of this Act, as hereinafter provided, and who shall serve without pay.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners under this Act to classify and compile, from the documents in the Adjutant-General's office, the records of the several commands, and the individuals thereof, of Maryland soldiers, sailors and marines serving as a part of the quota of the State of Maryland in the Army and Navy of the United States during the late Civil War, and in case of any deficiency in the record of any individual or command in the Adjutant-General's office, they shall be empowered to complete the said deficient records from the records of the War and Navy Departments of the United States, for which purpose the Governor shall, at the request of the said Commissioners, make requisition for the desired information upon the Secretaries of the said Departments, in accordance with the existing laws.

Section 3. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall be empowered to employ such clerical aid, and purchase such stationery as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, the same to be paid for from the appropriation hereinafter provided for. They shall also be empowered to deposit with the War and Navy Departments of the United States, in accordance with the existing orders of the said Departments, such a sum of money, to be taken from the appropriation hereinafter provided for, or may be required by the Secretaries of the said War and Navy Departments, to secure the United States from liability for any expense incurred in copying and completing from their records the deficient records of Maryland soldiers, sailors and marines, as provided for in Section 2 of this Act.

Section 4. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners, upon the completion of the said records, shall be empowered to have printed and bound in two or more volumes, one thousand copies of the same, together with brief history of each command, to be distributed as follows: 300 copies to the headquarters of the Department of Maryland, Grand Army of the Republic, for distribution to the several Grand Army Posts in the State; 2 copies to each public library and school library in the State; 1 copy to the Adjutant-General of each of the United States for each State Library; 10 copies to the Congressional Library, at Washington, D. C.; the balance of the copies to be deposited with the State Librarian, at Annapolis, for distribution as may be deemed proper by the Adjutant-General of the State.