

17. All officers of the militia, commissioned and non-commissioned, shall take in such manner as the Governor may direct, the following oath or affirmation before they shall receive their commission or be qualified to act: I do swear, or affirm, that I have not borne arms against the United States, nor given any aid or countenance, sympathy or support to the men now in arms against the United States, calling themselves the Confederate States of America, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States, and support the constitution, laws and government of the United States, any law or ordinance of any State to the contrary notwithstanding; that I will to the best of my ability defend the Union of the United States and never allow the separation of the same or the destruction of the government of the United States under any circumstances if in my power to prevent it, so help me God.

In force from March 10, 1864, and expires March 1, 1866.

Chapter 15 enacts as follows:

18. The Governor is hereby authorized to offer and pay to every person except negro slaves, as hereinafter provided, who shall enlist before the first day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to serve for three years, unless sooner discharged, as part of the quota of this State, in the armies of the United States, in any of the regiments or batteries raised or to be raised and organized or mustered into the service of the United States, the sum of three hundred dollars in addition to any bounty allowed or paid by the government of the United State, whereof the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars shall be paid at the time when such person is mustered into the service of the United States, twenty dollars at the end of each month of service for the five months immediately succeeding such mustering into the service of the United States, and fifty dollars at the expiration of his term of service, or when such person is honorably discharged from service.

19. To every person who shall have already been in service six months, and shall re-enlist before the first day of March next, to serve as aforesaid, a State bounty of three hundred and