

several counties, and the Register of the City of Baltimore, were thereby constituted the agents of the State for the disbursement of said bounties; *and whereas*, it has frequently happened that persons enlisting in the United States service as part of the quota of the State under said calls of the President for troops, were improperly credited upon the muster rolls of their company or regiment to some Congressional district, or to the State at large, instead of the proper county or city in which the volunteers resided, and were thereby inadvertently deprived of the bounty to which they were fairly entitled under the provisions of said laws; *and whereas*, the payment of the bounty to the class of persons denominated negro slaves, in section three of said act, (sections 20, 26 of Article 63, in II. Supplement, 47, 49,) and to their owners, has been delayed for want of proper evidence that said negro slaves were duly enlisted and credited upon the State's quota, and it is desirable that measures should be adopted with a view to the prompt payment of said bounties to the persons denominated negro slaves, as also to their masters or owners; therefore,

SEC. 1. Every soldier, volunteer, or other person in the army, navy or marine corps, who by his duly authenticated muster roll or enlistment papers shall appear to have been enlisted or mustered prior to the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, as part of the quota of this State, or in the case of negroes who shall appear to have been enlisted from this State prior to the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, in the service of the United States, under the call of the President, dated October seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and subsequent calls; but who from any cause, shall not have been credited to the county or city where such person at the time of his enlistment resided, shall be entitled to receive the bounty provided by said act.

2. The Treasurer of the State, upon receipt of lists of such persons from the Acting Assistant Provost Marshal for Maryland, or from any other duly authorized officer of the United States, certifying that such persons were credited upon the quota of this State, and in the case of negroes from the United States,