

as may be required for the service of the United States and for the service of the State of Maryland, as necessity or emergency may demand in the event of war, and for extra expenses of the Adjutant General's office connected therewith, and for the pay of officers and men in accordance with the militia laws of the State of Maryland, as the same may be necessary for the purposes set forth in this Act.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes set forth in this Act, shall be distributed and applied on warrant of the Adjutant General, under and by direction of the Governor and Commander-in-chief, as the same may be required for the purposes set forth in this Act, in the same manner as the sums now appropriated for the militia known as the "Maryland National Guard," are distributed and applied under the provisions of the Act of 1896, chapter 89; and the Adjutant General shall keep accounts and make reports, with vouchers, showing all disbursements made of the money, or any part thereof appropriated by this Act, as he is now required to do by the provisions of the said Act of 1896, chapter 89, in relation to the regular annual appropriation for the militia.

How distributed and applied.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in the event of war, and the Governor should find it necessary to use the appropriation hereinbefore provided for, and there be not sufficient money in the State Treasury for the purpose, then the Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorized to contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defense of the State, not exceeding the amount hereinbefore appropriated.

Authority given to contract debts.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 7, 1898.

CHAPTER 381.

AN ACT to authorize the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown to issue bonds to raise a sum of money to erect a plant for the purpose of supplying Hagerstown with electric light and power, or either, in the discretion of the said Mayor and Council.

SECTION 1. *And be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown is