

CHAPTER 393.

Passed Mar. 10, 1864. AN ACT to add a new Article to the Code of Public General Laws under the title of "Military Agencies."

Agent appointed to look after Volunteers.

Proviso.

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following Article be added to the Code of Public General Laws, under the title of "Military Agencies." The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint an agent or agents, whose duty it shall be to look after the interests of the Maryland Volunteers in the service of the United States, to visit the troops in the field and elsewhere, and especially to discharge such duties relating to the welfare of the sick, wounded and disabled soldiers of this State, as the Governor may from time to time prescribe and direct. The Governor may at any time remove any agent appointed under the provisions of this act, and fill the vacancy thus occasioned. The sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses arising under this act, and the Governor is hereby authorized to expend the whole or any part thereof in any manner which in his judgment may be best calculated to promote the object herein contemplated; *provided however,* that the amount of such expenditures, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars in any one year. The Governor shall pay such agent or agents, his, her or their traveling expenses, and such compensation as in his judgment may be reasonable and just. It shall be the duty of said agent or agents to report to the Governor at least once in every three months the condition of Maryland troops in the service of the United States, and their wants, and to make such recommendations as to them may seem proper. The said agent or agents shall, prior or to the next meeting of the General Assembly make a full and complete report to the Governor, of all their proceedings under this act, embracing a financial statement and exhibit of all moneys received and disbursed by them, which report shall be laid before the Legislature by the Governor.