

and credited as a part of the quota of the sub-district in which such volunteer, drafted man or principal of such substitute may reside."

Several questions, as you will perceive, may arise in the minds of the Bounty Commissioners in connection with this section, from the phraseology employed, they may think that some warrant from the Comptroller should precede their right to draw upon the Treasurer; they would have doubts too as to the "proper certificates" required, as well as to the proper "officer authorized to grant such certificates," and probably would arrive at very different conclusions upon these points. Besides this, the terms "*held to service*" used in this as well as the previous section, differing as they do from the terms employed in the Bounty Act of 1864, where the bounty was made payable upon the party being "*mustered into service*," lead us to the belief that the Legislature meant to require that some certificates should be furnished, tending to show that the service of the recruit has been as far as practicable secured before the bounty should be paid, and rendering it therefore all the more necessary that the character of such certificate should be accurately defined.

Whether in the use of the phrase above quoted, the General Assembly meant to require such an assurance or not, I cannot forbear the suggestion that some reasonable requirement to that effect would be eminently proper, looking as we all doubtless do, in the payment of these bounties to the filling up of the National Army, as well as the State's quota, and mindful of how often those receiving similar bounties have managed to elude all service in return. With the faith of the State pledged to the payment of the bounty, few, if any, of those who enlist, honestly meaning to serve, would be likely to object to the short delay in that payment necessary to procure from a proper source, a certificate that they had entered on the service, which on enlisting they agreed to render.

Assuming your intention in framing the two sections of the Bounty Act referred to, to have been such as I have suggested or that you concur in the views herein expressed, I would respectfully submit as the substance of a provision to take the place of the two sections as far as quoted and as better illustrating the views I have endeavored to present an enactment to the following effect:

Be it enacted, &c., That whenever under the aforesaid proclamation of the President or any similar one hereafter made, the quota of this State shall have been ascertained and promulgated, a bounty of three hundred dollars shall be paid to every person whether a volunteer, a drafted man or a substitute for a drafted man or for a man liable to service, who shall enter the military or naval service of the United States,