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Mr. Joseph Swyers—After my best respects to you, this is to let you know that I have been troubled with chills for the last fifteen years, some of them so hard that I thought I could not live over night. I was for days and nights not able to go out. Last fall they came on again as usual, and having about half a bottle of your liniment about the house, I thought I would try it, and took about 20 drops night and morning for some time. From the time I took it I have never had one chill, and can say that I never had used any medicine that gave so much satisfaction as your liniment. Your ob't servant,

Adam Baird.

March 28th, 1864.

Mr. J. Swyers: My son had a sore neck for three months back, for which I used your liniment, and it is a perfect cure. He also had a sore leg for two years back; I got one of your bottles of liniment, which has cured it soundly.

Yours, respectfully, *Charles Mitchell.*

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Mr. Swyers: I recommend your liniment to be the best that I ever had in my house. I had a pain in my side for about 15 years, and I doctored with doctors far and near, but they done me no good, when I heard of your liniment, tried it, and I am thankful to say it has cured me sound and well; and for the children I could not do without it.

Hugh's hand were dreadfully cracked open with the wind, and he rubbed them with it, and it has cured them.

Mrs. Margaret E. Summers.
Hugh Summers.

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"I only do my duty to you and the public, when I add my testimony to that you publish of the medicinal virtues of your SARSAPARILLA. My daughter, aged ten, had an afflicting humor in her ears, eyes, and hair for years, which we were unable to cure until we tried your SARSAPARILLA. She has been well for some months."

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"My daughter has suffered for a year past with a scrofulous eruption, which was very troublesome. Nothing afforded any relief until we tried your SARSAPARILLA, which soon completely cured her."

From Charles P. Gage, Esq., of the widely-known Gage, Murray & Co., manufacturers of enamelled papers in Nashua, N. H.

"I had for several years a very troublesome *humor* in my face, which grew constantly worse until it disfigured my features and became an intolerable affliction. I tried almost every thing a man could of both advice and medicine, but without any relief whatever, until I took your SARSAPARILLA. It immediately made my face worse, as you told me it might for a time; but in a few weeks the new skin began to form under the blotches, and continued until my face is as smooth as any body's, and I am without any symptoms of the disease that I know of. I enjoy perfect health, and without a doubt owe it to your SARSAPARILLA."

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From J. E. Johnston, Esq., Wakeman, Ohio.

"For twelve years, I had the yellow Erysipelas on my right arm, during which time I tried all the celebrated physicians I could reach, and took hundreds of dollars worth of medicines. The ulcers were so bad that the cords became visible, and the doctors decided that my arm must be amputated. I began taking your SARSAPARILLA. Took two bottles, and some of your PILLS. Together they have cured me. I am now as well and sound as any body. Being in a public place, my case is known to every body in this community, and excites the wonder of all."

From Hon. Henry Monro, M. P. P., of Newcastle, C. W., a leading member of the Canadian Parliament.

"I have used your SARSAPARILLA in my family, for general *debility*, and for *purifying the blood*, with very beneficial results, and feel confidence in commending it to the afflicted."

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From Harvey Sickler, Esq., the able editor of the Tunkhannock Democrat, Pennsylvania.

"Our only child, about three years of age, was attacked by pimples on his forehead. They rapidly spread until they formed a loathsome and virulent sore, which covered his face, and actually blinded his eyes for some days. A skilful physician applied nitrate of silver and other remedies, without any apparent effect. For fifteen days we guarded his hands, lest with them he should tear open the festering and corrupt wound which covered his whole face. Having tried every thing else we had any hope from, we began giving your SARSAPARILLA, and applying the iodide of potash lotion, as you direct. The sore began to heal when we had given the first bottle, and was well when we had finished the second. The child's eyelashes, which had come out, grew again, and he is now as healthy and fair as any other. The whole neighborhood predicted that the child must die."

Syphilis and Mercurial Disease.

From Dr. Hiram Stout, of St. Louis, Missouri.

"I find your SARSAPARILLA a more effectual remedy for the secondary symptoms of *Syphilis* and for syphilitic disease than any other we possess. The profession are indebted to you for some of the best medicines we have."

From A. J. French, M. D., an eminent physician of Lawrence, Mass., who is a prominent member of the Legislature of Massachusetts.

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Mr. Chas. S. Van Liew, of New Brunswick, N. J., had dreadful ulcers on his legs, caused by the abuse of mercury, or *mercurial disease*, which grew more and more aggravated for years, in spite of every remedy or treatment that could be applied, until the persevering use of AYER'S SARSAPARILLA relieved him. Few cases can be found more inveterate and distressing than this, and it took several dozen bottles to cure him

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are generally produced by internal *Scrofulous Ulceration*, and are very often cured by the alterative effect of this SARSAPARILLA. Some cases require, however, in aid of the SARSAPARILLA, the skilful application of local remedies.

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possess so many advantages over the other purgatives in the market, and their superior virtues are so universally known, that we need not do more than to assure the public their quality is maintained equal to the best it ever has been, and that they may be depended on to do all that they have ever done.

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PROCLAMATION.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, in and by an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act to direct the manner, time and place of holding Elections for President and Vice President of the United States, enacted the 2d day of February, A. D. 1820, and the supplements thereto, it is required of the Sheriff to give due notice of such election: Therefore I, DAVIS M. CONTNER, Sheriff of Mifflin county, do hereby make known and give this public notice to the citizens of said county, who are qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly, that on

TUESDAY, the 8th day of November, 1864,

an election will be held at the same places at which members of Congress Senators and members of the Assembly shall have been voted for at the last preceding election, as follows:

The electors of the Borough of Newton Hamilton are to meet in the new schoolhouse in said borough.

The electors of Wayne township are to meet at the new schoolhouse in the Borough of Newton Hamilton.

The electors of the Borough of McVeytown are to meet at the Union schoolhouse in said borough.

The electors of Granville township are to meet at the Court House in the Borough of Lewistown, and vote at the window of the Prothonotary's office.

The electors of Derry township will meet at the Court House in the Borough of Lewistown, and vote at the window of the Judge's office.

The electors of Oliver township are to meet at the Union schoolhouse in the Borough of McVeytown.

The electors of Bratton township are to meet at the brick schoolhouse on the farm of William Harshbarger, in said township.

The electors of Menno township are to meet at the house now occupied by the family of William Semple, deceased, in Allenville, in said township.

The electors of Union township are to meet at the house now occupied by Richard Brindle.

The electors of Brown township are to meet at the public house now occupied by John G. McGlaughlin, in said township.

The electors of Armagh township residing east of the line commencing at the middle of the road at the stone meeting house, in Brown township, thence along said road to the end of the lane known as Jonathan Abraham's lane, near the residence of Thomas Longwell, jr., thence running in a straight line to Cressman's Knob to the Union county line, are to meet at E. E. Locke's office, in said township. Those residing west of and not included in said limits, will meet as heretofore at the public house now occupied by Wm. Swinehart, in said township.

The electors of Decatur township are to meet at the house of Joseph Stumpff, now occupied by Israel Spigelmire.

The electors for the East Ward of the Borough of Lewistown will meet at the Court House, and vote at the window of the Commissioner's office.

The electors of the West Ward of said borough will meet at the same place, and vote at the window of the Sheriff's office—

For the purpose of electing TWENTY-SIX persons of this Commonwealth as Electors for the election of President and Vice President of the United States; and the several Judges, Inspectors and Clerks who attended the general election on the 2d Tuesday of October, are hereby enjoined to attend and perform at the said election of electors to be held as aforesaid, the like duties, subject to the like penalties for misconduct, as they are liable to at the election of members of the Assembly, &c; and one judge from each district is enjoined to attend at the Court House in Lewistown, on FRIDAY, 11th November, being the third day after the election for electors, for the purpose of making out the returns of said election.

I also make known that, by an act entitled an "Act relating to the elections of this Commonwealth,' approved the 11th day of April, 1852, it is provided that 'Every year in which the citizens of this Commonwealth shall vote for Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, the Assessors of the several wards, townships, incorporated districts and boroughs within this Commonwealth, except within the city and county of Philadelphia, shall, at all reasonable times after the 2d Tuesday of October in said years, and until within ten days of the time fixed by law for the election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, on the personal application of any white freeman claiming to be assessed within the proper ward, township, incorporated district or borough, or claiming a right to vote therein, as being between the age of twenty-one and twenty two years, and having resided in this Commonwealth one year, enter the name of such person on the list of the taxable inhabitants; and said Assessors shall, at least eight days previous to the day fixed for the election, make out duplicate copies of the name or names so entered, and after certifying and signing the same, shall deliver one copy to the Commissioners of their respective counties, to be filed by said Commissioners in their respective office; and the other copy said Assessor shall hold and hand over, without alteration or addition, to one of the Inspectors of the proper election district, at or before 8 o'clock on the morning of the day fixed for the election of said Electors.'

Given under my hand at Lewistown the 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and the eighty eighth of the United States.

D. M. CONTNER,
Sheriff.

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An Act to Regulate Elections by Soldiers in Actual Military Service.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same.* That whenever any of the qualified electors of this Commonwealth shall be in any actual military service, under a requisition from the President of the United States, or by the authority of this Commonwealth, and as such, absent from their place of residence, on the days appointed by law for holding the general or Presidential elections within this State, or on the days for holding special elections, to fill vacancies, such electors shall be entitled, at such times, to exercise the right of suffrage, as fully as if they were present at their usual places of elections, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and whether at the time of voting, such electors shall be within the limits of this State or not; and the right of voting shall not be affected, in any manner, by the fact of the voter having been credited to any other locality than the place of his actual residence, by reason of the payment to him of local bounty by such other locality.

SEC. 2. A poll shall be opened in each company, composed, in whole or in part, of Pennsylvania soldiers, at the quarters of the captain, or other officer thereof, and all electors, belonging to such company, who shall be within one mile of such quarters, on the day of election, and not prevented by order of their commanders or proximity of the enemy, from returning to their company quarters, shall vote at such poll, and no other place; officers, other than those of a company, and other voters, detached and absent from their companies, or in any military or naval hospital, or in any vessel or navy yard, may vote at such polls as may be most convenient for them, and when there shall be ten or more voters at any place, who shall be unable to attend any company poll or their proper place of election as aforesaid, the electors present may open a poll at such place as they may select, and certify in the poll book, which shall be a record of the proceedings at said election, substantially in manner and form as hereinafter directed.

SEC. 3. The polls shall be opened as early as practicable on said day, and remain open at least three hours, and, if necessary, in the opinion of the judges, of election, in order to receive the votes of all the electors, they may keep the polls open until seven o'clock in the afternoon of said day; proclamation thereof shall be made at, or before, the opening of the polls, and one hour before closing them.

SEC. 4. Before opening the poll, on the day of election, the electors present, at each of the places aforesaid, shall elect, *viva voce*, three persons, present at the time, and having the qualifications of electors, for the judges of said election, and the judges so elected shall then appoint two of the persons present, who shall be qualified, to act as clerks of said election; and the judges shall prepare boxes or other suitable receptacle for the tickets.

SEC. 5. Before any votes shall be received, said judges and clerks shall each take an oath or affirmation, that he will perform the duties of judge or clerk, (as the case may be,) of said election, according to law and to the best of his abilities, and that he will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit or abuse, in conducting the same, which oath or affirmation any of the said judges or clerks, so elected or appointed, may administer to each other; and the same shall be in writing, or partly written and partly printed, and signed by said judges and clerks and certified to by the party administering the same, and attached to or entered upon the poll book, and there signed and certified as aforesaid.

SEC. 6. All elections shall be by ballot, and the judges of elections may, and upon challenge of any other voter shall examine, under oath or affirmation, the applicant to vote, (which oath or affirmation any of said judges may administer,) in respect to his right to vote, and his qualifications to vote in the particular ward, precinct, city, borough, township or county of this State, in which he claims residence; and before receiving any vote, the judges, or a majority of them, shall be satisfied that such applicant is a qualified voter of such place.

SEC. 7. Separate poll books shall be kept and separate returns made for the voters of each city or county; the poll books shall name the company and regiment and the place, post, or hospital in which such election is held; the county and township, city, borough, ward, precinct or election district of each voter shall be endorsed opposite his name on the poll books; each clerk shall keep one of said poll books, so that there may be a double list of voters.

SEC. 8. Each ticket shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon, the names of all the officers which may properly be voted for at said election, for which the said elector desires to vote.

SEC. 9. That the judges to whom any ticket shall be delivered shall, upon the receipt thereof, pronounce with an audible voice the name of the elector, and if no objection is made to him, and the judges are satisfied that said elector is a citizen of the United States and legally entitled according to the constitution and laws of this State to vote at said election, shall immediately put said ticket into the box or other receptacle therefor, without inspecting the names of persons voted for; and the clerks shall enter the name of the elector on the poll book of his county, ward, precinct, city, borough, or township, and county of his residence, substantially in pursuance of the form hereinafter given.

SEC. 10. At the close of the polls, the number of voters shall be counted and set down at the foot of the list of voters, and signed by the judges and attested by the clerks.

SEC. 11. After the poll books are signed, the ballot-box shall be opened and the tickets therein contained shall be taken out, one at a time, by one of the judges who shall read distinctly, while the ticket remains in his hand, the name or names therein contained for the several offices voted for, and then deliver it to the second judge, who shall examine the same and pass it to the third judge, who shall string the vote for each county upon a separate thread and carefully preserve the same; the same method shall be pursued as to each taken out, until all the votes are counted.

SEC. 12. Whenever two or more tickets shall be found carefully folded or rolled together, neither of such tickets shall be counted; and if a ticket shall contain more than the proper number of names for the same office, it shall be considered fraudulent as to all the names designated for that office, but no further.

SEC. 13. As a check in counting, each clerk shall keep a tally list for each county from which votes shall have been received, which tally list shall constitute a part of the poll book.

SEC. 14. After the examination of the tickets shall be completed, the number of votes for each person, in the county poll books as aforesaid, shall be enumerated under the inspection of the judges, and set down as hereinafter provided in the form of the poll book.

SEC. 15. The following shall be substantially the form of the poll books to be kept by the judges and clerks of the election, filling in the blanks carefully:

Poll book of the election, held on the second Tuesday of October, one thousand eight hundred and , (or other election day as the case may be,) by the qualified electors of county, (or city,) State of Pennsylvania, in company , of the regiment of Pensylvania volunteers, (or as the case may be,) held at (naming the place, post, or hospital,) A B, C D and E F being duly elected as judges of said election and J K and L M being duly appointed as clerks of said election, were severally sworn or affirmed, as per certificates herewith returned.

Number and names of the electors voting and their county, city, borough, township, ward or precinct of residence:

No. 1, A B, county of , township of
No. 2, C D, county of , township of

It is hereby certified that the number of electors for county, Pennsylvania, voting at this election, amounts to

A B, } Judges
C D, } of
E F, } election.

Attest—J K,
L M, Clerks.

Form of certificate of oath of judges and clerks:

We, A B, C D and E F, judges of this election, and J K and L M, clerks thereof, do each severally swear (or affirm) that we will duly perform the duties of judges and clerks of said election, severally acting as above set forth, according to law, and to the best of our abilities, and that we will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit, or abuse, in conducting the same.

A B,
C D,
E F, Judges.

J K,
L M, Clerks.

I hereby certify, that C D, E F, judge, and J K and L M, clerks were, before proceeding to take any votes at said election, first duly sworn, or affirmed, as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this day of , Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and

A B, Judge of election.

I certify that A B, judge aforesaid, was also so sworn (or affirmed) by me.

Witness my hand, the date before written.

J K, Clerk of election.

SEC. 16. A return, in writing, shall be made in each poll-book, setting forth in words, at length, the whole number of ballots cast for each office, (except ballots rejected,) the name of each person voted for, and the number of votes given to each person, for each different office; which return shall be certified as correct, signed by the judges, and attested by the clerks; such return shall be substantially as follows:

At an election held by the electors of company of the regiment of Pennsylvania soldiers, at (naming the place where the election is held) there were (naming the number in words, at length) votes cast for the office of governor, of which A B had votes, C D had votes; for Senator, votes were cast, of which E F had votes, G H had votes; for Representatives, votes were cast, of which J K had votes, L M had votes; and in the same manner as to any other officers voted for.

At the end of the return, the judges shall certify in substance, as follows, giving, if officers, their rank and number of their regiment, if privates, the number of their regiment and company, viz:

A true return of the election, held as aforesaid, on the day of Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and

A B, Captain company A, one hundred and thirty-first regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers.
C D, company A, one hundred and thirty-first regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers.
E F, company A, one hundred and thirty-first regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers.

Judge of election.

Attest—J K,
L M, Clerks.

SEC. 17. After canvassing the votes in manner aforesaid, the judges shall put in an envelope one of the poll books, with its tally list and return of each city or county, together with the tickets, and transmit the same, properly sealed up and directed, through the nearest post office or by express, as soon as possible thereafter, to the prothonotary of the court of common pleas of the city or county in which such electors would have voted, if not in the military service aforesaid, (being the city or county for which said poll book was kept,) and the other poll book of said city or county, enclosed in an envelope, and sealed as aforesaid and properly directed, shall be delivered to one of the commissioners hereinafter provided for, if such commissioner calls for the same in ten days, and if not so called for, the same shall be transmitted by mail or by express, as soon as possible thereafter, to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, who shall carefully preserve the same, and on demand of the proper prothonotary, deliver to said prothonotary, under his hand and official seal, a certified copy of the return of votes, so transmitted to and received by him, for said city or county of which the demandant is prothonotary.

SEC. 18. It shall be the duty of the prothonotary of the county to whom such returns shall be made, to deliver to the return judges of the same county, a copy, certified under his hand and seal, of the return of votes so transmitted to him by the judges of the election as aforesaid, or as officially certified by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as aforesaid, to said prothonotary.

SEC. 19. The return judges of the several counties shall adjourn to meet at the places now directed by law, on the third Friday after any general or Presidential election, for the purpose of counting the soldiers' vote; and when two or more counties are connected in the election, the meeting of the judges from each county shall be postponed in such case until the Friday following.

SEC. 20. The return judges so met shall include, in their enumeration, the votes so returned, and thereupon shall proceed in all respects in the like manner as is provided by law, in cases where all the votes shall have been given at the usual place of election: *Provided*, That the several courts of this Commonwealth shall have the same power and authority to investigate and determine all questions of fraud or illegality, in relation to the voting of the soldiers, as are now vested in said courts, with regard to questions of fraud and illegality arising from the voting of persons not in military service, under the present laws relating thereto.

SEC. 21. In elections for electors of President and Vice President of the United States, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to lay before the Governor all returns received by him from any election, as aforesaid, who shall compare the same with the county returns, and add thereto all such returns as shall appear, on such comparison, not to be contained in said county returns, in every case where said military returns for such counties shall have been received by said secretary at a period too late for transmitting them to the proper prothonotary, in time for the action of the judges of the said counties.

SEC. 22. All said elections shall be subject to contest in the same manner as is now provided by law; and in all cases of contested elections, all legal returns which shall have been *bona fide* forwarded by said judges, in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, shall be counted and estimated, although the same may not have arrived or been received by the proper officers to be counted and estimated, in the manner hereinbefore directed, before issuing the certificates of election to the persons appearing to have a majority of the votes then received, and the said returns shall be subject to all such objections as other returns are liable to, when received in due time.

SEC. 23. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to cause to be printed a sufficient number of copies of this act, with such extracts from the general election law, as shall be deemed important to accompany the same, and blank forms of poll books, with tally lists and returns as prescribed in this act, which, with the necessary postage stamps to defray expenses and postage on returns, shall, in sufficient time, before any such election, be forwarded by said secretary, at the expense of the Commonwealth, by commissioners or otherwise, as shall be deemed most certain to insure delivery thereof to the captain or commanding officer of each company, or in case of detached voters, to the officer having charge of the post or hospital, who shall retain the same until the day of election and then deliver the same to the judges elected, as provided in this act: *Provided*, That no election shall be invalidated by the reason of the neglect or failure of the said secretary to cause the delivery of said poll books to the proper persons, as aforesaid.

SEC. 24. That for the purpose of more effectually carrying out the provisions of this act, the Governor shall have power to appoint and commission, under the great seal of the Commonwealth, such number of commissioners, having the qualifications of an elector in this State, as he shall deem necessary, not exceeding one to each regiment of Pennsylvania soldiers in the service of this State, or of the United States, and shall apportion the work among the commissioners and supply such vacancies as may occur in their number. Such commissioners, before they act, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, and cause the same to be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to the following effect: "I ——, appointed commissioner, under the act to regulate elections by soldiers in actual military service, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and impartially, fully, and without reference to political preferences, or results, perform, to the best of my knowledge and ability, the duties imposed on me by the said act, and that I will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit and abuse, not only in the elections to be held under the same, but in the returns thereof." And if any commissioner appointed by or under this act shall knowingly violate his duty or knowingly omit, or fail to do his duty, under this act, or violate any part of his oath or affirmation, he shall be liable to indictment for perjury, in the proper county, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine, not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment in the penitentiary, at labor, not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 25. It shall be the duty of such commissioners to deliver, as far as practicable, at least four of the copies of this act, and other extracts of laws published as hereinbefore directed, and at least two blank forms of poll books, tally lists and returns entrusted to them, as mentioned in the twenty-third section of this act, to the commanding officers of every company, or part of company, of Pennsylvania soldiers in the actual military or naval service of the United States, or of this State; and to make suitable arrangements and provisions for the opening of polls, under this act; it shall also be the duty of said commissioners as soon as practicable after the day of election, to call upon the judges of the election and procure one poll book, containing the returns of the election, and safely to preserve the same, not only from loss, but from alteration, and deliver the same without delay to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

SEC. 26. Said commissioners shall receive, in full compensation for their services under this act, ten cents per mile, in going to and returning from their respective regiments, estimating the distance of travel by the usually traveled route; and it is hereby made the duty of the Auditor General and State Treasurer to audit and pay the accounts therefor, in the same manner as other claims are now audited and paid, by law; all commanding and other officers are requested to aid the commissioners herein appointed, and to give them all proper facilities to enable them to carry out the design and intention of this act.

SEC. 27. No mere informality in the manner of carrying out or executing any of the provisions of this act, shall invalidate any election held under the same, or authorize the return thereof to be rejected or set aside; nor shall any failure on the part of the commissioners to reach or visit any regiment or company or part of company, or the failure of any company or part of company to vote, invalidate any election which may be held under this act.

SEC. 28. The several officers authorized to conduct such election, shall have the like powers, and they, as well as other persons who may attend, vote, or offer to vote, at such election, shall be subject to the like penalties and restrictions as are declared or provided in the case of elections by the citizens at their usual places of election; and all of the provisions of the general election laws of this State, so far as applicable and not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, nor supplied thereby, shall apply to all elections held under this act.

SEC. 29. No compensation shall be allowed to any judge or clerk under this act.

SEC. 30. When the sheriff of any city or county shall issue his proclamation for an election, for a presidential, congressional, district, city, county or State election, under the laws of this State, he shall transmit, immediately, copies thereof to the field officers and senior captains in the service, aforesaid, from said city or county.

SEC. 31. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the general revenue, to be paid upon the order of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to carry this law into effect.

SEC. 32. When any of the electors mentioned in the first section of this act, less than ten in number, shall be members of companies of another State or Territory, or for any sufficient and legal cause, shall be separated from their proper company, or shall be in any hospital, navy yard, vessel, or on recruiting, provost, or other duty, whether within or without this State, under such circumstances as shall render it probable that he, or they, will be unable to rejoin their proper company, or to be present at his proper place of election, on or before the day of the elections, therein mentioned, said elector or electors shall have a right to vote in the following manner.

SEC. 33. The voter aforesaid is hereby authorized, before the day of election, to deposit his ballot or ballots, properly folded, as required by the general election laws of this State, or otherwise, as the voter may choose, in a sealed envelope, together with a written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, statement, containing the name of the voter, the county, township, borough or ward, of which he is a resident, and a written or printed authority to some qualified voter in the election district of which the said voter is a resident, to cast the ballots contained in said envelope for him, on the day of said election. Said statement and authority to be signed by the said voter and attested by the commander or some commissioned officer of the company of which he is a member, in the case of a private, and of some commissioned officer of the regiment, in the case of an officer, if any of such officers are conveniently accessible, and if otherwise, then by some other witness; and there shall also accompany said ballots an affidavit of said voter, taken before some one of the officers aforesaid, and in the absence of such officers, before some other person duly authorized to administer oaths, by any law of the State, that he is a qualified voter in the election district in which he proposes to vote, that he is in the actual military service of the United States or of this State, describing the organization to which he belongs, that he has not sent his ballots to any other person or persons than the one in such authority mentioned, that he will not offer to vote at any poll which may be opened on said election day, at any place whatsoever, and that he is not a deserter, and has not been dishonorably dismissed from the service and that he is now stationed at in the State of . Said sealed envelope, containing the ballots, statement, authority and affidavit as aforesaid, to be sent to the proper person by mail or otherwise, having written or printed on the outside, across the sealed part thereof, the words "soldier's ballot for township, (borough or ward,) in the county of ."

SEC. 34. The elector to whom such ballot shall be sent, shall, on the day of election and while the polls of the proper district are open, deliver the envelope as received, unopened, to the proper election officer, who shall open the same in the presence of the election board, and deposit the ballots therein contained, together with the envelope and accompanying papers, as other ballots are deposited, and said board shall count and canvass the same in the same manner as other votes cast at said election; and the person delivering the same may, on the demand of any elector be compelled to testify on oath that the envelope, so delivered by him, is in the same state as when received by him, and that the same has not been opened or the contents thereof changed or altered in any way by him or any other person.

SEC. 35. The right of any person thus offering to vote, at any such election may be challenged, for the same causes that it could be challenged if he were personally present, and for no other reason or cause.

SEC. 36. Any officer of any general or special election in this State, who shall refuse to receive any such envelope, and deposite such ballots, or to count and canvass the same, and any elector who shall receive such envelope, and neglect or refuse to present the same, to the officers of the election district, endorsed on the said envelope, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the State prison, not exceeding one year, and by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or either, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 37. Any person who shall wilfully and corruptly make and subscribe any false affidavit, or make any false oath, touching any matter or thing provided in this act, shall be deemed guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the State penitentiary, not exceeding five years, and by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by either, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC 38. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to prepare the necessary blank forms to carry out the provisions of this act, and to furnish the same for the use of the persons so engaged in the military service aforesaid.

SEC. 39. In case any qualified elector, in military service aforesaid, may be in any hospital, military or naval, or in any vessel, or navy yard, the statements and affidavits in this act mentioned, may be witnessed by, and made before any officer of the vessel, navy yard, or other place, in which said vessel is for the time being engaged.

SEC. 40. It shall be the duty of every assessor within this Commonwealth, annually, to assess and return in the manner now required by law, a county tax of ten cents upon each and every non-commissioned officer and private, and the usual taxes upon every commissioned officer, known by them to be in the military service of the United States, or of this State, in the army; and when any omission shall occur, the omitted names shall be added by such assessors, to the assessments and lists of voters, on the application of any citizen of the election district or precinct wherein such soldier might or would have a right to vote, if not in such service as aforesaid; and such non-commissioned officers and privates shall be exempt from all other personal taxes during their continuance in such service; and said assessors shall, in each and every case of such assessed soldiers, or officers, without fee or reward therefor, give a certificate of such regular or additional assessment, to any citizen of the election district or precinct who may at any time demand the same; and upon the presentation thereof to the tax collector of said district, or the treasurer of of the said county, it shall be the duty of such officer to receive said tax of and from any person offering to pay the same, for the soldier or officer therein named, and to endorse upon such certificate a receipt therefor; and it shall also be the duty of said collector or county treasurer to receive said assessed tax from any person who may offer to pay the same, for any of said officers or soldiers, without requiring a certificate of assessment, when the names of such persons shall have been duly entered upon the assessment books and tax duplicates, and give a receipt therefor to such person, specially stating therein the name of the soldier or officer whose tax is thus paid, the year for which it was assessed, and the date of the payment thereof; which said certificate and receipt, or receipt only, shall be *prima facie* evidence to election board, provided for by this act, before which the same may be offered, of the due assessment of said tax against, and the payment thereof by, the soldier or officer therein named, offering the same, as aforesaid, but said election board shall not be thereby precluded from requiring other proof of the right to vote, as specified by this act, or the general election laws of this Commonwealth; and if any of said assessors, collectors, or treasurers shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this section, or to perform any of the duties therein enjoined upon them, or either of them, he, or they, so offending, shall be considered and adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and shall, on conviction, be fined in any sum not less than twenty nor more than two hundred dollars; *Provided*, That the additional assessments, required to be made by the above section, in the city of Philadelphia, shall be made on application of any citizen of the election district or precinct thereof, upon oath or affirmation of such citizen, to be administered by the assessor, that such absent soldier is a citizen of the election district or precinct wherein such assessment is required by such citizen to be made.

SEC. 41. This act shall not apply to the election of members of council, or to ward and division officers in the city of Philadelphia.

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