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An Act to provide for the expenses of  
the Canadian volunteers serving Her  
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An Act to provide for the Expenses of the Canadian volunteers serving Her Majesty in South Africa.

**W**HEREAS, hostilities having broken out between Great Britain and the South African Republic and the Orange Free State during the period when Parliament was not in session, the Government of Canada deemed it expedient to anticipate the action of Parliament by authorizing the appropriation of certain sums of money for the purpose of equipping and forwarding Canadian volunteers to the seat of war; And whereas it is expedient that such appropriations and the expenditures made thereunder be ratified and confirmed, and that further provision be made as hereinafter enacted: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

**1.** From and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada there shall and may be paid and applied a sum, not exceeding in the whole the sum of eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars, being the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars authorized under Order in Council, dated the fourth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and the sum of six hundred thousand dollars authorized by Order in Council, dated the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred, towards payment of the expenditure incurred, or to be incurred, in sending the contingents of Canadian volunteers to South Africa, or in connection therewith; and the members of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, and the officers and persons who authorized or made the expenditure of any of the said sums under the Orders in Council above referred to, or under any warrant of His Excellency the Governor General issued in consequence of or on the authority thereof, are hereby indemnified and exonerated from all liability by reason of having used or authorized the use of the above mentioned sums of money, or any portion thereof, without due legal authority, and all expenditure heretofore made of any of the said sums shall be held to have been lawfully made.

Expenditure authorized for sending volunteers to South Africa.

Certain persons indemnified from liability.

**2.** In addition to the said sum of eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars referred to in the preceding section, there shall and may be paid and applied, from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, a further sum, not exceeding in the whole the sum of one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, towards defraying any further expenditures that may be incurred in connection with the sending of Can-

Further expenditure authorized.

adian volunteers for active service in South Africa, and for providing as hereinafter mentioned for a fund by way of allowance to such volunteers or their dependents.

“Expenditure” defined.

Equipment, transportation, etc.

Pay up to time of landing in Africa.

Separation allowances.

Difference between Militia pay and Imperial army pay while serving in Africa.

3. The word “expenditure” in this Act includes—

(a) Expenses of every kind in connection with the raising, 5 enrolling, arming, equipping, provisioning, despatching and transporting of the said contingents up to the time of their arrival at the place of debarkation in South Africa;

(b) The payment of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men composing the said contingents up to the time of such 10 debarkation, at the rates authorized by the regulations and orders of the Department of Militia and Defence;

(c) All separation allowances paid to the wives and children of the married non-commissioned officers and men;

(d) The difference between the rates of pay of the officers, 15 non-commissioned officers and men which they receive or are entitled to receive from Her Majesty’s Government during their period of service in South Africa and the rates of pay mentioned in paragraph (b) of this section,—such difference not to be paid to such officers, non-commissioned officers and 20 men, while on such service, but the amount which would be payable to each such officer, non-commissioned officer or man to be placed to his credit and to be applied in such manner as the Governor in Council determines for the benefit of those dependent on him, or, if not so applied, to be paid to him or 25 his representatives at the close of his period of service.