

## CHAPTER XIX.

*An Act to provide for the appropriation of money for the relief of refugees driven from their homes on the frontier by the Indians.*

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

For the relief of  
refugees driven  
from the frontier

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the Legislature to appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary for the relief of refugees driven from our frontier settlements, and at present subsisting on the charity of our people, and for the payment of sums expended or liabilities incurred by the commissioners heretofore appointed by the Governor or by other proper authorities.

Who to appoint  
commissioners—  
duty of commis-  
sioners

SEC. 2. The Governor is hereby authorized to appoint such commissioners as he may deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act, whose duty it shall be to supply said refugees with food, clothing and medical assistance, and necessary aid to return to their homes, and to audit and allow all just claims for supplies and aid heretofore furnished to refugees by proper authority, and the money so applied shall be paid by the Auditor of State, on the certificate of the Governor; but no able-bodied man who can obtain subsistence by his labor shall receive aid as a refugee except for the purpose of assisting him to return to his home.

Power of com-  
missioners

SEC. 3. That no other aid than that accruing under the class mentioned in section one of this act shall be allowed by said authorities, and in all cases where they may deem the same necessary, they shall require the oath or affirmation of such as claim aid, or such other testimony as they may deem essential, and said authorities shall have full power to administer oaths or affirma-

tions, and all persons claiming to have furnished aid to the refugees herein mentioned, shall present their accounts, sworn to before some officer competent to administer oaths, and shall furnish such other testimony in support of their claims as the commissioner may demand.

SEC. 4. The authorities mentioned in section two of this act shall keep a detailed and correct account of all moneys which they may pay out, and at least ten days prior to the commencement of the next regular session of the Legislature, they shall prepare and deposit with the Governor a full and concise report of all moneys thus paid according to the provisions of this act.

To keep account  
of moneys paid  
out—when to  
make report

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, September 26th, 1862.