An Act to Create a New State out of a portion of the Territory of California

The people of the State of California

Represented in Senate and Assembly

as Enact as follows:

Section 1st. There shall be

created and established out of the

Territory Embraced within the limits

of the State of California a New State

to be called the State of Columbia.

Section 2. The Territory

Embraced within the Counties of

Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Joaquin,

Calaveras, Amador, Tuolumne, Stanislaus

Mariposa, Tulare, Monterey, Santa Clara,

San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles, San

Buenaventura and San Diego, Embracing

the Bay, Harbor, and Islands now

Embraced within the limits of Cali

fornia on the Pacific Coast, and Extending

to the Eastern Line of said State of

California, thence to the Colorado

Embracing the Southern Boundary

of the said State of California

Shall constitute the State of Columbia.
Section 3. The people residing within the above mentioned Territory shall be and they are hereby authorized to form a State Government under such rules and regulations as are prescribed in the Constitution of the United States.

Section 4. To soon as a separate Government shall be established in the New State of Columbia at the first session of the Legislature, they shall appoint by joint ballot a suitable person as Commissioner to act with a similar one to be appointed by the State of California whose duty it shall be to ascertain the entire amount of the debt of the State of California, and they shall apportion to each state the amount to be paid by each state, which amount shall be ascertained by reference to the amount of property owned and possessed by the inhabitants of each state.
Section 5. The Commissioners thus appointed shall take as their basis the last assessment of property made by the respective assessors of State and County taxes, to ascertain the amount which each State shall pay.

Section 6. To soon as the Commissioners shall have ascertained the amount to be paid by the State of Columbia, the Governor thereof shall cause to be issued bonds of the State payable to the State of California, bearing the same rate of interest which the State of California is now paying, and have the same delivered to the Treasurer of the State of California for the use and benefit of the same.

Section 7. All the powers and requirements of the Constitution of the State of California shall apply and be in full force and effect in the new State of Columbia, and shall not be altered or changed by the People thereof, until the expiration of one year from the date of the formation of a State Government in said State.
Section 8. At the first session of the Legislature of the State of Columbia, provision shall be made by law to create a sinking fund to pay the principal and interest accruing on the bonds of the State issued to pay her proportion of the debt of the State of California.
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