

commend to both Houses of Congress the following resolution, to wit :

“That the United States ought to co-operate with any State which may adopt gradual abolition of slavery, giving to such State pecuniary aid, to be used by such State, in its discretion, to compensate for the inconvenience, public and private, produced by such change of system ;”

*And whereas*, Congress did, by resolution, approved April 10th, 1862, pass through both Houses of Congress, the above resolution as recommended by the President of the United States ;

*And whereas*, Said offer on the part of the General Government, was used to induce voters to support the abolition of slavery in this State, by the adoption of our present Constitution ;

*And whereas*, The people of Maryland, acting under this recommendation of the President and action of Congress, did on the 12th and 13th days of October, 1864, as declared by the proclamation of the Governor, adopt a Constitution forever abolishing slavery ;

*And whereas*, The people of Maryland, in general convention assembled, on the 6th day of September, 1864, did claim the right to compensation, by resolution, requiring the President of said convention to appoint a committee to confer with the President of the United States in reference to compensation under the above resolution of Congress ;

*Therefore resolved*, That the Speaker of this House appoint a committee of three, who, in conjunction with two appointed on the part of the Senate, shall go to the city of Washington, to ask the aid of the President, and instruct our Senators, and request our Representatives to use their influence to induce Congress to give to the people of Maryland the aid implied in the above resolution adopted by Congress ;

Which were read the first time.

Mr. Kirk submitted the following :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that all former and acting Justices of the Peace, who have received from the State the Code of Public General and Local Laws, be required to deliver the same to the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in Baltimore city, for the use of their respective successors in office ;

Which was read the first time.