

obtain the compensation allowed by the Government of the United States.

*Resolved*, that if recruiting depots be established in Washington city and Alexandria, and if orders be issued by the proper authorities, compelling every slave who has absconded from Maryland, to report for enrolment at said depot, and if the recruiting officers in charge of the same shall be authorized to guarantee the execution of a valid deed of manumission to every slave who will voluntarily enlist, by the legitimate owners of the same, a large number of effective and able-bodied men will be procured, thereby rendering the draft to the citizens of Maryland, and particularly to the laboring classes a very light one.

*Resolved*, That the passage of any bill hereafter by this Legislature, making appropriations for the benefit of loyal owners, who consent to the enlistment of their slaves in the State, shall apply with equal force to those persons whose slaves have escaped from Maryland, and may be induced to enlist at the recruiting depot therein designated: Provided, the owner of said slaves act in accordance with the foregoing resolution, and the recruits are credited to the State.

*Resolved*, It would be no more than merited justice to the State of Maryland in the procurement of her quota of troops required by the United States' government that she should receive for each and every enlistment of a slave belonging to Maryland a corresponding credit for the same, as if enlisted in the State.

Which were read the first time.

The hour having arrived for considering the Order of the Day,

The President announced the bill entitled, "An Act to encourage enlistments into the Maryland regiments in service in the armies of the United States."

Mr. Tome submitted the following amendment:

Add to section five, "and the Treasurer of the State is hereby authorized, under the discretion of the Governor, to invest in the bonds to be issued as aforesaid, one million of dollars of the interest of the sinking fund, or any other funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated;"

Which was read.

The question upon its adoption was determined in the affirmative by yeas and nays as follow: