

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Lankford proposed to amend by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting "a new bill ;"

Mr. Stirling proposed the following amendment to the amendment :

Add to section 3, "and I do further swear that I have not given any aid, countenance, sympathy or support to those in rebellion against the United States, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States, any law of any State to the contrary notwithstanding ;"

Determined in the affirmative by yeas and nays as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Sellman, P't	Eichelberger,	Purnell,
Bayne,	Given,	Rowles,
Bayless,	Kemp,	Stirling,
Campbell,	Lankford,	Tome,
Carroll,	Ohr,	Willis—15.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Billingsley,	Jenkins,	Waters—5.
Briscoe,	Ricaud,	

Mr. Briscoe proposed the following amendment to the amendment :

Strike out all after the word "purpose" in line 3 of the 5th section done to the word "only" in the same line ;

Which was read and adopted.

Pending the question upon the amendment,

The following communication was received from His Excellency, Gov. Bradford, by the hands of J. M. Carter, private secretary, endorsed "on Legislative business:"

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, March 4th, 1864

Gentlemen of the Senate and

House of Delegates :

The Congress of the United States having by an act just passed, extended the payment of the Government Bounty to volunteers in the military service to the first of April next, the expediency of a similar extension of the bounty offered by the State of Maryland is obvious. I would, therefore, respectfully invite your attention to the subject and to the pro-