

AND WHEREAS, The Convention about to be called may alter the relation of master and slave as now existing under the Constitution and laws of the State: and adopt emancipation either immediate or gradual, as the future policy of the State: and whereas, no private property should be taken for public purposes without "just compensation:" Therefore, this General Assembly, do in the most solemn manner, and with the most perfect good faith recommend to the Convention that may be assembled in virtue of the provisions of this act, to make it the imperative duty of the Legislature, at its first session after the adoption and ratification of the new Constitution, to cause, a sufficient amount of stock, exempt from State taxation and bearing an annual interest of six per centum, to be created, as compensation for all slave-holders, or may be possessed of slaves at the time emancipation may take effect, and that said stock, shall be distributed among said slave-holders, or persons holding claims to service or labor against persons discharged therefrom by the acts of said Convention, according to the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled, "An Act for the release of certain persons held to service or labor in the District of Columbia, approved April, 1862;"

Which was read.

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

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Sellman, Pt.	Crane,	Rowles,
Billingsley,	Jenkins,	Waters—8.
Briscoe,	Ricaud,	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Bayless,	Given,	Purnell,
Carroll,	Kemp,	Stirling,
Eichelberger,	Ohr,	Tome—10.
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The question upon the amendment submitted by Mr. Briscoe was determined in the negative by yeas and nays as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Sellman, Pt.	Crane,	Rowles,
Billingsley,	Jenkins,	Waters—8.
Briscoe,	Ricaud,	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Bayless,	Given,	Purnell,
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