

Session, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, Chapter two hundred and two entitled, an Act to add the following Section to the fortieth Article of Public General Laws, requiring jurors to take the oath of allegiance, be and the same is hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.

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CHAPTER 189.

AN ACT to provide by law for taking and perpetuating the evidence of the number of persons held to labor and service in the State of Maryland and emancipated by the Constitution adopted in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and by whom such persons were so held.

Passed Mar. 22, 1867.

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved April tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, Congress resolved that the United States ought to co-operate with any State which may adopt gradual abolishment 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, by the twenty-fourth section of the Act of Congress approved on the twenty-fourth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, provision was made for enrolling all able bodied male colored persons residing in the United States as a part of the national forces, and for awarding to each loyal person to whom a colored volunteer might owe service, a just compensation not exceeding three hundred dollars for each colored volunteer, and under said provisions, and previous thereto, under the Military authority of the United States, a large number of slaves owing service to loyal citizens of Maryland, were induced to leave their owners and enlist in the military service of the United States, or were received on board of

Preamble.