

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Strike out all after the words "A Bill." and insert as follows:

"Entitled an Act to authorize the appointment of all agent or agents to prosecute the claims of the State of Maryland against the government of the United States and to provide the method of his compensation.

"Whereas divers claims of the State of Maryland against the government of the United States existing prior to the year 1898, still remain unadjusted and unsettled; and

"Whereas it is important that said claims shall be energetically prosecuted to a settlement; therefore,

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint some suitable person or persons to act as the agent or agent of the State of Maryland in the prosecution of all its claims against the government of the United States existing prior to the year 1898, and by written agreement to fix the terms of such employment the rate of compensation to be paid the said agent or agents for all their services, work and expenses in connection with such agency, provided said agent or agents will accept therefor a contingency of such portion of the moneys actually collected from the government of the United States and paid by it into the Treasury of Maryland, as may be agreed upon with the Governor, not exceeding 30 per cent thereof, the same to be a full compensation for work, services and expenses of all and every kind whatsoever, and no other compensation shall be received from the State therefor.

Section 2. And be it enacted that in case the said agent or agents or their successors for any reason discontinue or are unable to go on with the work of such agency, then the Governor shall, from time to time, and as often as may be necessary, appoint another or other agent or agents so that such agency may be kept alive, and fix by agreement in writing the terms of such employment, with due consideration for the equities of the preceding agent or agents, not exceeding in the aggregate for all agents hereunder the rate of compensation hereinbefore fixed for the original appointment, and should any controversy arise be-