

And whereas, it is undeniable that the said "private property," was taken from the owners thereof as aforesaid, at the instance and for the most part, by the agency of the Federal Government of the Union, in a time of civil war for the use and purposes of the said Government, in successfully carrying on the said war.

And whereas, no State in the Union from the adoption of the Federal Constitution hitherto, has more faithfully kept her plighted faith, or more promptly met and discharged every obligation to the Federal Government and to her sister States than Maryland.

Therefore be it and it is hereby,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, on behalf of her loyal citizens, whose private property has been taken as aforesaid, that the State of Maryland has a good, valid and just claim upon the Government of the United States, for reasonable and adequate compensation for the said property; and that it ought not to be doubted that the Federal Government, when the possessions excited by the late unhappy civil war shall have subsided, will recognize the justice of the said claims, and faithfully perform her manifest duty in regard to it.

And be it further,

Resolved, That the General Assembly ought to provide by law, for taking and perpetuating the evidence of the number and value of the persons held to labor and service as aforesaid, by the loyal citizens of Maryland, and so as aforesaid, discharged from such service and labor.

ISAAC D. JONES, Chairman,
E. HAMMOND,
PHILIP F. THOMAS,
RICHARD B. CARMICHAEL,
DANIEL H. BRUCE.

Which were read a first time.

Mr. Neilson moved that five hundred copies be printed for the use of the House;

Which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Stevens moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the order offered by Mr. Jump, relating to adjournment was this morning adopted;

Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

A call of the House was ordered.