

On motion of Mr. Vickers,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to introduce a bill to amend the law relating to the issuing writs of Habeas Corpus.

Mr. Trail asked leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate, a bill entitled an Act to provide for the changing of names by application to the Courts.

Mr. Bowie submitted the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States on the 24th day of February, 1864, provided by the 24th section of the Act to enroll and call out the National forces, approved February 24th, 1864, that the Secretary of War should appoint a Commission in each of the slave States represented in Congress, to award compensation to each loyal owner of a colored volunteer soldier ;

AND WHEREAS, Under section 2, of the Act of Congress of the 28th of July, 1866, making appropriations for the civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending 30th of June 1867, so much of the commutation fund as was necessary was appropriated for that purpose ;

AND WHEREAS, Congress at its present session has passed a joint resolution, prohibiting the payment of any portion of said money until the further action of Congress, and thereby delaying payment to the loyal owners of said slaves so enlisted in the Army of the United States ; therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the payment of bounties to slaves as provided for by the Act of the Legislature of Maryland passed on the 6th day of February 1864, chapter 15, section 3, be suspended by the Comptroller of the State until the further action of the Legislature of Maryland.*

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Tome,

Was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Tome submitted the following order:

Ordered, That three thousand copies of the Comptroller's report be printed for the use of the Senate;

On motion of Mr. Stephenson, it was

Referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. Vickers,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to introduce a bill to amend the second section of the 38th Article of the First Supplemental Code, relating to the