And be it further resolved, That this joint resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

No 17.

Whereas, There have been a number of claims for State bounty filed in the Office of the Comptroller by Military officers, some of whom have been mustered out of the United States service and others have removed from this State and are liable to be removed; and if the same bounty claims were paid to said parties it would be difficult, if not impossible for claimants to obtain their money; therefore be it,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby directed not to recognize or pay any such claims for State bounty to any military officer now in the United States service or who has been discharged therefrom, unless said officer be an agent or attorney, resident permanently in this State.

No. 18.

BY THE SENATE,

MARCH 18, 1867.

The Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred a document transmitted by the Secretary of State of the United States to the Executive of this State, containing a copy of a resolution of Congress, proposing an amendment of the Consti-