

ed of the necessity of entering into a more elaborate argument in support of their views upon this subject. They are thus, after a brief review of all the important facts in the case, brought to the conclusion that the contestant has failed to sustain his claim to a seat in this body, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the memorial of Alfred Spates, contesting the right of Charles H. Ohr, to his seat as Senator for Allegany county, be and is hereby dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. TRAIL,
EDW'D PHILPOT.

On motion of Mr. Mules,

Five hundred copies of said report was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Earle, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred "The Resolution to suspend, until further action of the Legislature can be had, the operation of the Act, which directs the payment of bounties to Slaves, as provided by Act of General Assembly, passed on the sixth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, chapter fifteen, section three, beg to state that they have given the subject careful consideration, and report unfavorably thereon; they regard the faith of the State as pledged for the payment of these bounties, and in the action taken by Congress for the repeal of the law making provision for the payment of loyal owners of slaves enlisted in the military service of the United States, can discover no justifying cause for any departure from our course of legislation, which has and will continue to give to this class of our population the amplest protection of our laws.

JAMES T. EARLE,
Chairman.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Earle,

Made the order of the day for Wednesday, the 23d instant.

Er. Earle, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill entitled, an Act to compensate David C. Blocksom, for services rendered the State, in prosecuting the cases of State vs. William B. Paca and Sons, for the murder of John B. Paca, Jr., and Alfred Jones ;