

John L. Smith, att'y, Hagerstown.....	300
James H. Smith, att'y, Baltimore.....	100
Benjamin Whitfield, col'd, for self.....	50
John Madden, white, for self.....	75
J. W. Bryant, att'y, Denton.....	300
Edward Southall, col'd, for self.....	50
Elijah S. Everly, white, for self.....	300
Jacob Brown, att'y, Cumberland.....	425
A. D. Schaeffer, att'y, Westminster.....	950
Joseph Godfrey, att'y, Worcester county.....	400
John W. Truman, att'y, Washington county.....	300
Wm. P. Ewing, att'y, Elkton.....	75
J. Tome, att'y, Port Deposit.....	600
H. Clay Nail, att'y, Frederick.....	300
James Tilghman, att'y, Centreville.....	700
Luther H. Gadd, att'y, Denton.....	400
Jas. S. Morsell, Jr., att'y, Calvert county.....	800

Total.....\$236,195

A large portion of the aforesaid claims were filed and adjusted for payment before I came into office, and my authority for paying the same is based upon section 3, chapter 156, and resolution No. 13, of the Acts of 1867. Individual claimants and owners have, in every instance, been given priority, and paid in full when demand has been made; whilst agents and attorneys have been paid in proportion to the amount of claims filed by them, and in the order of the date of filing, except the claims filed by the "Freedmen's Bureau," as agents to whom no bounties have been paid by me, and whose claims are now withdrawn.

Claims to the amount of about one hundred thousand dollars, under the Act of 1864, chapter 15, and supplements, are now on file in this office, which have been examined and found correct; of which about three-fourths are in the hands of attorneys and agents, and the balance filed direct by the claimants. The proportion of white and black claimants included in the latter, are about the same as in the foregoing statement. No definite time has been fixed for the payment of said claims.

The preponderance of colored troops is accounted for by the fact that the greater portion of them were retained in the service long after the white troops were all discharged, and, consequently, they were unable to make claim for their bounty until after discharge.

There are about eight hundred claims now filed for bounty under the Act of 1867, chapter 372, which have not been examined with a view to payment. Some of these are embraced by this Act, but many are not, and of which