

The Senate bill entitled an Act to encourage Immigration to the State of Maryland, as

Reported by Mr. Stevens from the Committee on Labor and Immigration.

Mr. Earle moved a call of the Senate,

When the following Senators responded :

Messrs. President, Aydelott, Blake, Brewer, Claggett, Davis, Earle, Getty, Knight, Longwell, Lloyd, Mudd, McCulloh, Phelps, Stevens, Steiner, Spencer, Tuck, Williams—19.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was sent to notify absent Senators that their presence was requested in the Senate Chamber.

On motion by Mr. Brewer,

Further proceedings under the call were suspended.

Pending the consideration of the said bill,

Mr. Stevens submitted the following amendment to the bill reported from the Select Committee :

Amend by striking out all after the words "A Bill" and insert "Entitled an Act to encourage Immigration to the State of Maryland."

"SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor, the President of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society of Maryland and three other persons, citizens of Maryland, the latter to be appointed by the Governor, and to serve for two years, shall constitute a Board of Immigration for the purpose of taking all necessary steps to direct Immigration to the State of Maryland."

"SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said Board of Immigration shall select one or more intelligent and responsible person or persons for the purpose of collecting such information as may be conducive to attract capital and honest and industrious people to Maryland. Such information to be published in such languages, and in such form as the Board may deem proper, and to embrace a full description of the price and location of lands, the wages paid in Maryland, the agricultural, mechanical, mineral and other resources, the facilities of navigation, railroads, churches, schools, markets, etc., etc.; said person or persons to be remunerated, and all expenses incurred by the printing and distributing of such information to be paid by the Board of Immigration out of the funds hereinafter provided for."

"SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Board of Immigration shall meet on the first Wednesday of April and Octo-