

Board of Claims now in session in the city of Baltimore, certifying that the persons whose names are borne on said lists appear to have been enlisted in the service of the United States, from the State of Maryland, is hereby authorized and directed, upon the warrant of the Comptroller, to pay to every such soldier, volunteer or other person, the whole amount of the bounty provided by the laws referred to, to be paid to them respectively, any thing contained in said law or laws to the contrary notwithstanding; *provided, however,* that no payment shall be made under this act, to any person designated as a negro slave in the third section of the said act of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, (section 20, II. Supplement, 47,) who shall, from the returns made to the Comptroller, appear to have been paid his bounty as a free person, so enlisting as aforesaid.

3. The Treasurer shall, upon the warrant of the Comptroller, pay the bounty of one hundred dollars provided by section three of the act to which this is a supplement, (section 20,) to the former owner of every person designated in said section as a negro slave, who shall appear to have been enlisted in the service of the United States from this State, by lists or certificate, as provided for in the preceding section of this act, and every claimant or master as aforesaid, shall, at the same time, file with said certificate his own affidavit of ownership, and the sworn testimony of two witnesses cognizant of the fact.

This Act repeals and re-enacts section 4 of 1864, ch 15, (Sec. 21, of Art 63, in II. Supplement, 47,) as follows :

4. If any soldier, volunteer, or other person enlisted or mustered into the service, as herein provided, shall have died or may hereafter die while in said service, the whole of said bounty, if the same shall not have been paid previously, or so much thereof as may remain unpaid at the time of the death of such person, shall be paid: *First,* To his widow, if there be one. *Second,* If there be no widow, then to his children equally. *Third,* If he leave no widow, child or children, then to his mother. *Fourth,* If he leave no mother, then to his father; if no father, then to his brothers and sisters equally, and if he leave no brother or sister, then the same shall revert to the State.