

ing and other industrial factories, together with the young men drafted from the farms, has so deprived the farmers of this State of the necessary laborers on their farms as to make it almost impossible for our farms to produce their usual crops, to say nothing of an increased production so earnestly desired by all our people; therefore,

*Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland,* That the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Delegates are hereby requested, immediately upon the passage of these joint resolutions, to name a Joint Committee of Nine, Four on the part of the Senate and Five on the part of the House of Delegates, to confer with the Heads of the War and Navy Departments of the United States Government for the purpose of considering the best method of securing the necessary labor for the Maryland farms.

*And be it further Resolved,* That the power of this Joint Committee shall not cease upon the adjournment of the present Session of the General Assembly, but shall continue until such time as the members of said Committee shall deem necessary to complete its work.

Approved April 10th, 1918.

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NO. 10.

JOINT RESOLUTION of the House of Delegates and Senate of Maryland requesting and empowering the Governor to appoint a commission to investigate the disease of tuberculosis among the Negro population of the State, and to make provision for the control of the disease in said race.

WHEREAS the disease of tuberculosis by reason of its wide prevalence and malignant character constitutes one of the most dreaded menaces to the public health; and

WHEREAS it has been effectually demonstrated that this disease can be made subject to control by scientific treatment, as evidenced by the report of the State Sanitorium at Sabillasville, Md.; and

WHEREAS members of the Negro race are not admitted to this sanitorium of the State, and whereas the Negro is known to be highly susceptible to the disease of tuberculosis by reason of racial weakness, aggravated by unsanitary conditions in the