

The Bounty authorized on account of slave recruits being \$100 to the owner of each slave and \$100 to the slave—one half payable when he is mustered into service and the residue when discharged—is not payable through the agency of the County authorities, nor is any express direction as to the mode of payment prescribed by the act. When the slave Bounty rolls therefore properly certified, have been received at this Department, duplicates of them are referred to the Comptroller who pays thereon to the owner and slave the amount of the cash Bounty as above mentined. The number of slaves so entitled to bounty as returned up to 1st December last is 1,394, the amount paid on which account will appear from Comptroller's Report.

The act of Assembly in providing means for the payment of these Bounties authorized the Treasurer to negotiate a loan to the amount of four millions of dollars. The whole amount of Bounties paid by the Treasury to 30th September last as appears by the Comptroller's account was \$1,281,050, and the only loan which it has so far been deemed necessary to contract was one of \$501,000.00 realizing with the premium paid \$526,185.00.

I have no means of knowing or estimating the number entitled to State Bounty whose rolls are yet to be returned to this Department, I have reason to believe, however, that so far as the white and free black volunteers are concerned, there are but comparatively few yet outstanding. In the case of slaves the proportion of such outstanding claims is supposed to be larger. Estimating the amount required to pay both free and slave volunteers, upon the basis of the rolls received in this Department to 1st December, as above mentioned, and the account would stand as follows:

Warrants issued to County and City authorities to make cash and monthly payments to 5890 volunteers,	\$1,472,500
Amount required for payment of ultimate instalment due when discharged say \$50 each,	294,450
Amount required for owners of 1394 slaves at \$100,	\$139,400
Amount required for 1394 slaves recruits—say \$50 when mustered in and \$50 when discharged,	139,400
Total,	\$2,045,750
Amount paid to 30th September as above stated,	1,281,050
Balance unpaid,	\$764,700