

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Which were read the first time.

Mr. Eichelberger moved to refer them to the committee on the Constitution.

Determined in the affirmative by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

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| Messrs. Sellman, P. | Carroll, | Kemp. |
| Bayless, | Crane, | Lankford, |
| Billingsley, | Eichelberger, | Ricaud, |
| Briscoe, | Given, | Rowles—14. |
| Campbell, | Jenkins, | |

NEGATIVE.

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| Messrs. Bayne, | Purnell, | Tome, |
| Firey, | Sterling, | Willis—7. |
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Mr. Firey submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS: The State of Maryland is about to be changed from the condition of a slave to that of a free State; and whereas, it is indispensably necessary in order to facilitate the legislation of this session, so as to commence, carry forward, and complete this great work through and by the Legislature of Maryland: that we should first secure the aid and co-operation of the General Government; And whereas, by the Proclamation of President Lincoln, dated March 1st 1862, aid is still offered to Maryland to the amount of ten millions of dollars; provided, that on or before the 1st day of January, 1865; we, the people are willing through a Constitutional Convention, lawfully called for that purpose to emancipate all the slaves of the State.

1st *Resolved*, That a committee of members, on the part of the Senate, and an equal number on the part of the House, be and they are hereby appointed to wait upon the President of the United States in company with our United States Senators, and Members of Congress, to ascertain definitely from the President and from Congress whether any compensation will be granted to loyal owners of slaves in Maryland, which have been enlisted into the service of the United States; also whether the tender of the President's Proclamation, dated March 1st, 1862 to the Border States, will still be made to Maryland, in the event a Convention be immediately called