

as hereafter provided.

5<sup>th</sup> If within thirty days from the date of opening enlistments, a sufficient number of the description of persons aforesaid to meet the exigencies of the service should not be enlisted, then enlistments may be made of slaves without requiring consent of their owners; but they may receive compensations as herein provided for owners offering their slaves for enlistment.

6<sup>th</sup> Any citizen of said States who shall offer his or her slave for enlistment into the Military service, shall, if such slave be accepted, receive from the recruiting officer a certificate thereof, and become entitled to compensation for the service or labor of said slave, not exceeding the sum of Three hundred dollars, upon filing a valid deed of manumission and of release, and making satisfactory proof of title. And the recruiting officer shall furnish to any claimant a descriptive list of any person enlisted & claimed, under oath, to be his or her slave.

7<sup>th</sup> A board of three persons shall be appointed, to whom the rolls and recruiting lists shall be furnished for public information, and, on demand, exhibited to any person claiming that his or her slave has been enlisted against his or her will.

8<sup>th</sup> If any person shall, within ten days after the filing of said rolls, make a claim for the service of any person so enlisted, the Board shall proceed to examine the proofs of title, and, if valid shall award just compensation, not exceeding three hundred dollars; and, upon the claimant filing a valid deed of manumission and release of service, the Board shall give the claimant a certificate of the sum awarded, which on presentation, shall be paid by the Chief of the Bureau.

9<sup>th</sup> All enlistments of colored troops in the State of Maryland, otherwise than in accordance with these regulations, is forbidden.

10<sup>th</sup> No person who is or has been engaged in rebellion against the Government of the United States, or who, in any way, has given or shall give aid or comfort to the enemies of the Government, shall be permitted to present any claim or receive compensation for the labor or service of any slave; and all claimants shall file with their claim an oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States.

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Executive Department  
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Hon. Edwin M. Stanton  
Secretary of War

Sir:

I have just received your note of the