

RESOLUTION
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FOR

*The appointment of a joint committee of the two houses to investigate the action
of the Freedmen's Bureau and its officers.*

MAY 21, 1866.—Read, ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
In the House of Representatives, May 21, 1866.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, (the Senate concurring,) That a joint committee, consisting of two senators and three members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to investigate the action of the Freedmen's Bureau and its officers in the States where the bureau has been in operation, with power to send for persons and papers, and examine witnesses under oath; and that said committee make personal examination, and report the facts to Congress; and said committee is authorized to employ a stenographer and clerk. The Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate or House, or either of their deputies, is directed to accompany the committee, and the committee shall have power to report at any time. And the expenses necessarily incurred by said committee shall be paid out of the contingent funds of the Senate and House in equal proportions.

Attest:

EDWARD McPHERSON, *Clerk.*