

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 7, 1863.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JANUARY 14, 1863.

Reported by Mr. TRUMBULL with an amendment, viz: Strike out the words within [brackets,] and insert those printed in *italics*.

JANUARY 16, 1863.

Considered in Committee of the Whole, and postponed to to-morrow.

JANUARY 30, 1863.

Recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

FEBRUARY 2, 1863.

Reported by Mr. HARRIS with amendments, viz: Strike out the words within [brackets,] and insert those printed in *italics*.

AN ACT

Giving aid to the State of Missouri for the purpose of securing the
abolishment of slavery in said State.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 [That the following propositions be, and they are hereby,
4 submitted to the State of Missouri, to be accepted or rejected
5 by the legislature or people thereof, to wit:]
6 . [First. The government of the United States will, upon

7 the passage by said State of a good and valid act of emanci-
8 pation of all the slaves therein, to take effect within the
9 period hereinafter named, and to be irrepealable unless by the
10 consent of the United States, apply the sum of ten millions
11 of dollars, in United States bonds, redeemable in thirty years
12 from their date, and bearing interest, payable semi-annually,
13 at the rate of five per centum per annum, for the purpose of
14 paying to the loyal owners of such slaves in said State a just
15 compensation for the loss of the services of such slaves; the
16 said bonds to be prepared and issued by the Secretary of the
17 Treasury, under such rules and regulations as he may pre-
18 scribe, to make effective the provisions of this act.]

19 [Secondly. That in the event of the adoption by the said
20 State of abolishment of slavery therein, as hereinbefore pro-
21 vided, the government of the United States will employ all
22 reasonable means for the deportation of such of said emanci-
23 pated slaves, and for their settlement or colonization in some
24 place outside of the United States, as may consent thereto, so
25 soon as and whenever proper negotiations can be made with
26 any country for such settlement or colonization in a congenial
27 climate, or within a reasonable time thereafter.]

1 [SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said semi-
2 annual interest shall be payable, and said bonds shall be re-
3 deemable, out of moneys to be hereafter appropriated by
4 Congress, and shall be reimbursed to the treasury of the

5 United States from the property of rebels confiscated to the
6 government by the rules of war, or by virtue of any act of
7 Congress, or from the proceeds thereof.]

1 [SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That no compensation
2 shall be paid, out of the proceeds of the bonds hereby pro-
3 vided for, for any slave hereafter to be imported or brought
4 into the State of Missouri, nor to any person or persons who
5 may at any time have engaged in, or in any manner aided,
6 the present rebellion, or who may in anywise have wilfully
7 given aid and comfort to the rebels, or incited or encouraged
8 the present rebellion ; or who may at any time have accepted
9 and held any office, either civil, naval, or military, under the
10 so-called Confederate States of America, or shall have willingly
11 taken the oath of allegiance to the so-called Confederate
12 States ; or who may have wilfully refused to take the oath of
13 allegiance to the government of the United States when
14 thereto required by any military or civil authority of the
15 United States, or of said State of Missouri.]

1 [SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That said bonds
2 shall be deliverable to the governor of the State of Missouri
3 whenever the President shall be satisfied that a good, valid,
4 and constitutional act of emancipation shall have been passed,
5 as aforesaid, by the legislature thereof, irrepealable unless by
6 the consent of the United States, and not sooner: *Provided,*
7 That such act be passed within one year from and after the

8 first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, for
 9 immediate emancipation of all slaves within the State, as
 10 aforesaid, and containing an exclusion of the classes of per-
 11 sons hereinbefore enumerated from the benefits of the com-
 12 pensation herein provided for.]

Passed the House of Representatives January 6, 1863.

Attest :

EM. ETHERIDGE, *Clerk.*

3 That whenever satisfactory evidence shall be presented to the
 4 President of the United States that the State of Missouri has
 5 adopted a *valid and constitutional* law, ordinance, or other
 6 provision for the gradual or immediate emancipation of all the
 7 slaves therein, and the exclusion of slavery forever thereafter
 8 from said State, it shall be his duty to prepare and deliver to the
 9 governor of said State, as hereinafter provided, to be used by said
 10 State to compensate for the inconveniences produced by such
 11 change of system, bonds of the United States to the amount of
 12 twenty million dollars, the same to bear interest at the rate of five
 13 per centum per annum, and payable thirty years after the date
 14 thereof: *Provided*, That the said bonds shall not be delivered
 15 as herein directed, unless the act of emancipation shall be
 16 adopted by said State within *twelve* months after the passage
 17 of this act, nor unless said act shall provide that slavery or
 18 involuntary servitude within said State, except in punishment
 19 of crime, shall forever cease and determine on some day not
 20 later than the fourth day of July, one thousand eight hundred

21 and seventy-six, and never afterwards be introduced therein:
22 *And provided, further,* That said bonds in their aggregate
23 amount shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars for
24 each slave emancipated under the provisions of this act and
25 the act of emancipation to be passed in the State of Missouri
26 in pursuance thereof, not including any slave who *shall*
27 *be introduced into said State subsequently to the passage*
28 *of this act, or* has been *emancipated* or shall become
29 free under the provisions of an act entitled “An act
30 to suppress insurrection, to punish treason and rebellion,
31 to seize and confiscate the property of rebels, and for other
32 purposes,” approved July seventeen, eighteen hundred and
33 sixty-two.

1 SEC 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in the event of
2 the adoption by said State of an act or ordinance for the abo-
3 lition of slavery therein, as hereinbefore provided, the Presi-
4 dent shall, from time to time, as they may be required, cause
5 bonds to be prepared and delivered, as aforesaid, in such
6 amounts as may be necessary to pay *for* each slave made free
7 under the provisions of this act, and the act to be passed by
8 the State of Missouri in pursuance thereof, not *to exceed an*
9 *average of three* hundred dollars; said bonds to be delivered
10 only as said slaves are made free, and in the aggregate not
11 to exceed *twenty* millions of dollars; and not to exceed ten
12 millions of dollars, unless the law or act of emancipation to

13 be adopted by said State shall provide for the full and perfect
14 manumission of all the slaves therein on or before the fourth
15 day of July, anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and
16 sixty-five, and the future exclusion of the system of slavery
17 from the State forever thereafter.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That upon the enact-
2 ment of a law by said State referring to this act, accepting its
3 provisions and adopting laws for the ultimate extinction of
4 slavery therein, the faith of the United States and of the said
5 State will be pledged to carry out the terms of the compact
6 thus created: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall
7 prevent the State from making at any time such alterations or
8 amendments in its emancipation laws as do not conflict with
9 this act, or such as shall only decrease the time during which
10 slavery may exist in the said State.

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