

## XXVIII CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

CLOSE OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.—Mr. Chandler (Mich.) presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of Michigan asking changes in the Enrollment law. Referred to the Committee.

Mr. Chandler introduced lengthy petitions for a uniform ambulance corps. Referred to the Committee.

Mr. Grimes (Iowa) introduced a resolution for the admission of the following additional states:

The amount of money authorized to be deducted from the two hundred millions authorized by the first section of this act, shall be deducted from the amount of money so authorized by the Secretary of State to act in the name of the United States.

Mr. Stevens adopted and passed the bill.

Mr. Chandler offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to communicate to this House the following information, viz.: All his instructions relative to the examination of the crew of the iron-clad vessel.

We are enlisting them at the rate of 1,000 per day. If we had to make a draft, we would have a small one to iron-clad vessels, and a large one for naval purposes.

The Department is entitled to withdrawing the iron-clad, the Mississippi or elsewhere. Also, the telegrams, &amp;c., of the President, dated April 1, 1863, directing the iron-clad to be sent to the Mississippi.

Mr. Wilson, from the Military Committee, reported a bill extending the boundaries to April 1.

Mr. Sumner (Mass.) said there was no doubt that we are enlisting men more rapidly than we can provide for them. We are enlisting them at the rate of 1,000 per day. It would be made a draft, we would have a small one to iron-clad vessels, and a large one for naval purposes.

The Department is entitled to withdrawing their so-called masters. Laid over and ordered to stand.

Mr. Wilson (Md.) objected to have a bill of such importance as this come before us without the recommendation of the Executive and Departmental Committees who have legislated without such sanction we would be bound to act. He moved that the bill be referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Sumner (Mass.) concurred with Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Lane (Ind.) concurred with Mr. Stevens.

If we strike out the three hundred dollar clause in the present law, it will secure men enough without those who are now enlisted.

Mr. Nesmith (Oregon) offered an amendment extending the time.

Mr. Davis (Md.) thought the bill should go to the Senate Finance Committee, but the Military Committee found it on their table this morning. Should it be referred to the Senate as it came from the Board of War, or withdrawn? And whether the port of Charleston is absolutely closed to shipping since the monitors went into action?

Mr. Stevens objected to the introduction of the resolution.

Mr. Davis (Md.) appealed to the gentleman to withdraw his objection.

Mr. Blair (Md.) said that injustice had been done to our countrymen by the adoption of a previous resolution, and it was far the one he now proposed should be agreed to.

Mr. Stevens certainly did not wish to do injustice to any one, but would not insist upon his objection.

Mr. Davis (Md.) inquired whether the resolution could be withdrawn.

Mr. Blair (Md.) offered it covered everything. The Department shrank from no investigation. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Fessenden offered a resolution, which was passed, instructing the Committee on the Rules to inquire into the expediency of reporting to the Senate a bill to prohibit the importation of slaves in one or two years, and to be carefully packed, on receipt of remittance to his accredited agent.

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