

1842-1844. Reparations – Clues from the Dust-Bin of History

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Legislature of New York

In the House a memorial of citizens of Williamsburgh, Kings Co., in reference to slavery was presented. The same having been read, in part Mr. Davezac moved that the farther reading be dispensed with. He proceeded to characterise it as a fire brand thrown into the House &c. &c. – but was interrupted by the speaker who declared that it was not in order to make a speech at this time upon this question.

New York Tribune, March 30, 1844, p. 8, col. 3

New-York Legislature, Albany, Wednesday, March 28 (1844)

In Assembly, . . . (a) curious petition was presented from Wayne County, to pay the black citizens of the State for loss of services while in a state of slavery prior to 1827 – the sum fixed by the petitioners as due to these persons is \$25,000,000; (laid on the table, after an unsuccessful motion by Mr. Youngs to refer the same to the Committee on Ventilation.)