

WILL PAY SLATON GUARD

But Georgia House Has Heated Debate Over Frank Case.

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ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 16.—There was a heated debate in the Georgia House late this afternoon preliminary to the passage of an appropriation of \$5,000 to pay the militia for guarding John M. Slaton during the outbreaks that followed his action, when Governor, of commuting the death sentence of Leo M. Frank to life imprisonment.

Representative Knight was asked if the man who had received the protection ought not to pay the bill for the troops. Representative Fullbright, in charge of the appropriation, declared that whether one "liked Jack Slaton or not does not enter into the question, which is simply one of a debt of honor and law on the part of the State to the militia for the performance of its duty, regardless of whatever that duty may have been."

The appropriation to pay the troops was passed by a vote of 123 to 6, but there was a general explanation of votes. Mr. Ayer of Bibb said; "If there is any way that the State can recover the money from Governor Slaton, it ought to sue."

Mr. Knight wanted to offer an amendment asking Mr. Slaton to pay the bill. The chair refused to put the amendment. Mr. Knight said that "when a man has by his action brought down upon himself the opprobrium of his State he should not expect the taxpayers to pay for it."

Mr. Sloan of Forsyth County said: "The idea of a Governor violating the law, the Constitution of Georgia, and the Constitution of the United States is an abomination in the sight of God Almighty. I desire to be excused from the voting."

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