

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 8, 1864.

Mr. SUMNER asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Select Committee on Slavery and Freedmen.

FEBRUARY 29, 1864.

Reported by Mr SUMNER without amendment, and accompanied by a report (No. 25.)

A BILL

To secure equality before the law in the courts of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That in the courts of the United States there shall be no ex-
4 clusion of any witness on account of color.

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