

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MARCH 20, 1897.

Mr. WHITE, of North Carolina, introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

For the relief of Robert Smalls.

Whereas Robert Smalls, on the thirteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, did capture the steamer Planter, with all the armament and ammunition for Fort Ripley, at the city of Charleston, taking her out and turning her over to the Federal blockading squadron off Charleston, and again on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, while loaded with provisions for the Federal troops on Morris Island, and while a terrific fire was opened on her from Se-
cession Will (she being deserted by her captain, Nicholson, Smalls being on board as a pilot), did take charge of said steamer Planter and did bring her through safe, for which act he was made captain by General Q. A. Gilmore: Therefore,

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 Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, au-
4 thorized and directed to pay to Robert Smalls, or his heirs at
5 law, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appro-

6 priated, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, deducting only
7 the amount paid to said Smalls under the Act of Congress
8 approved May thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

55TH CONGRESS,
1ST SESSION.

H. R. 1824.

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