

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MARCH 19, 1897.

Mr. LACEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

Authorizing a reappraisement of the steam transport boat Planter, captured by Robert Smalls, and for a distribution of proceeds thereof.

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 Navy be, and he is hereby, author-
4 ized to appoint a board of competent officers of the Navy,
5 whose duty it shall be to make a reappraisement of the steam
6 transport boat Planter, taken during the late rebellion by
7 Robert Smalls from the harbor at Charleston, South Carolina,
8 and of all the arms, munitions, tackle, and other property on
9 board of said transport boat at the time of her delivery to the
10 Federal authorities by the said Robert Smalls; and when the
11 full value of said transport boat, the arms, munitions, tackle,
12 and other property shall be ascertained, estimating said values
13 by the worth of the property at the time of capture as afore-

14 said, shall cause an apportionment of such value so ascer-
15 tained, and not to exceed twenty thousand dollars, to be made
16 between Robert Smalls and his associates on said transport
17 boat at the time of her capture and delivery to the Federal
18 authorities, in the manner hereinafter provided for by this
19 Act, deducting only the amount or amounts paid to the said
20 Smalls and his said associates under the Act of Congress
21 approved May thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

1 SEC. 2. That the apportionment referred to in the first
2 section of this Act shall be made as follows: One-third of
3 the full amount of the value of the said transport boat
4 Planter, the arms, munitions, tackle, and other property at
5 the time of her capture and delivery to the Federal authori-
6 ties shall be awarded to the said Robert Smalls, and the bal-
7 ance shall be equally divided between his said associates or
8 their heirs at law

1 SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby
2 authorized and directed to pay to Robert Smalls and his
3 associates, or their heirs at law as aforesaid, out of any money
4 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum which
5 may be by the said board of officers hereby authorized appro-
6 priated to each of them under the provisions of this Act.

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1ST SESSION. } **H. R. 1333.**

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