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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JULY 8, 1867.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

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Mr. PAINE, on leave, introduced the following bill :

**A BILL**

To facilitate the occupation of public lands by freedmen under the  
homestead act.

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 order to facilitate the occupation of public lands by  
4       freedmen under the homestead act, the Bureau of Freedmen,  
5       Refugees, and Abandoned Lands is authorized to employ one  
6       surveyor in each land district in the late rebel States, to ascer-  
7       tain, at the expense of the United States, on application of  
8       freedmen desiring to locate under said act, the lines and  
9       corners established by the public surveys, in cases when the  
10      corner stakes and other monuments may have disappeared ;  
11      and the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall, upon  
12      application, furnish to said bureau maps, documents, and in-  
13      formation relating to said lands.

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