
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 14, 1863.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

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

A BILL

To amend the confiscation act, and for other purposes.

In order to secure to the loyal people of the United States "indemnity for the past and security for the future," and cause the rebels to pay part of the enormous expenses incurred and debts contracted in suppressing the rebellion, by a just condemnation and appropriation of all the property, real and personal, of the actors, instigators, and aiders of said rebellion, to the full extent authorized by the Constitution—

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 joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution, explanatory
4 of an act to suppress insurrection and punish treason and rebel-
5 lion, to seize and confiscate the property of rebels, and for
6 other purposes," approved July seventeen, eighteen hundred
7 and sixty-two, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of
2 section sixth of the act entitled "An act to suppress insurrec-

3 tion, to punish treason and rebellion,” and so-forth, approved
4 July seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, as requires
5 a proclamation of the President, be, and the same is hereby,
6 repealed, and that the proclamation heretofore issued by the
7 President, in compliance with said section, dated
8 day of _____, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall
9 be taken and held, in all cases, in the several courts of the
10 United States, as a full and complete compliance with the re-
11 quirements of said act as herein amended.

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