

55TH CONGRESS,  
2D SESSION.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 26, 1897.

Mr. HAWLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Claims.

APRIL 18, 1898.

Reported by Mr. MASON, without amendment.

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# 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 Secessionville (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. Gillmore: 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-

1 thORIZED to pay to Robert Smalls or his heirs at law, out of  
 2 any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the  
 3 sum of twenty thousand dollars, deducting only the amount  
 4 paid to said Smalls under the Act of May thirteenth, eight-  
 5 een hundred and sixty-two.

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