

H. R. 1866.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 16, 1895.

Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LACEY introduced the following bill:

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
10 the Federal authorities by the said Robert Smalls; and when
11 the full value of said transport boat, the arms, munitions,
12 tackle, and other property shall be ascertained, estimating
13 said values by the worth of the property at the time of cap-

14 ture as aforesaid, shall cause an apportionment of such value
15 so ascertained to be made between Robert Smalls and his
16 associates on said transport boat at the time of her capture
17 and delivery to the Federal authorities, in the manner herein-
18 after provided for by this Act, deducting only the amount or
19 amounts paid to the said Smalls and his said associates under
20 the Act of Congress approved May thirtieth, eighteen hundred
21 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 the
3 full amount of the value of the said transport boat Planter,
4 the arms, munitions, tackle, and other property at the time of
5 her capture and delivery to the Federal authorities, shall be
6 awarded to the said Robert Smalls, and the balance shall be
7 equally divided between his said associates or their heirs at
8 law.

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

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