
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 11, 1883.

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

Mr. MACKEY introduced the following bill:

A BILL

Authorizing a reappraisalment 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 reappraisalment of the steam
6 transport-boat Planter, taken during the late rebellion by
7 Robert Small, from the harbor of 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
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 capt-
14 ure 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 bill 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 appor-
6 tioned to each of them under the provisions of this act.

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