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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 5, 1886.

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

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Mr. O'HARA 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 of Charleston, South Carolina,  
8       and of all the arms, ordnance, ordnance stores, munitions,  
9       tackle, and other property on board of said transport-boat at  
10      the time of her delivery to the Federal authorities by the said  
11      Robert Smalls; and when the full value of said transport-  
12      boat, the arms, munitions, tackle, and other property, shall be  
13      ascertained, estimating said values by the worth of the prop-

14 erty at the time of capture as aforesaid, shall cause an appor-  
15 tionment of such value so ascertained to be made between  
16 Robert Smalls and his associates on said transport-boat at the  
17 time of her capture and delivery to the Federal authorities, in  
18 the manner hereinafter provided for by this act, deducting only  
19 the amount or amounts paid to the said Smalls and his said  
20 associates under the act of Congress approved May thirtieth,  
21 eighteen hundred 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, ordnance, ordnance stores, tackle, and other prop-  
5 erty, at the time of her capture and delivery to the Federal  
6 authorities, shall be awarded to the said Robert Smalls, and  
7 the balance shall be equally divided between his said asso-  
8 ciates or their heirs-at-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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