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[By Mr. RUSSELL.]

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## A BILL

To be entitled An Act to define and punish conspiracy against the Confederate States.

- 1 *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That*
- 2 if two or more persons within any State or Territory of the
- 3 Confederate States shall conspire to subvert, overturn, or destroy,
- 4 by force, the Government of the Confederate States, or to oppose,
- 5 by force, the execution of any law of the Confederate States, or,
- 6 by force to hinder, delay, or prevent the execution of any law
- 7 of the Confederate States, or to seize, take, possess, or destroy
- 8 any property of the Confederate States, against its own consent,
- 9 or to prevent, delay or hinder, by force, or fraud, the transport-
- 10 ation of supplies or men to the army of the Confederate States,
- 11 or to destroy or injure any road, boat, engine or work employed
- 12 in such transportation, or to hold any secret communication or
- 13 intercourse with an enemy of the Confederate States, or to aid
- 14 or abet the enemy in his war upon the Confederate States, or

15 persons in rebellion against the same, or to promote disobedience,  
16 mutiny or desertion in the army of the Confederate States, or  
17 annoy the soldiers in the military service, each and every  
18 person so offending shall be guilty of a high crime, and, upon  
19 conviction thereof, shall be punished by fine not exceeding five  
20 thousand dollars, and shall be imprisoned, with or without labor,  
21 not exceeding five years.

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