

SENATE, May 28, 1864.—Read first and second times, and ordered to be placed upon the calendar and printed.

[By Mr. GRAHAM, from the Joint Committee on Impressments.]

A BILL

Providing for the establishment and payment of claims for property taken or informally and unwarrantably impressed for the use of the Government.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
 2 *enact*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to
 3 appoint or assign, in each Congressional District, an agent, not
 4 liable to military duty in the field, who shall, under the direction
 5 of the post quartermaster, receive, takes proof in support of,
 6 and examine all claims in the said district growing out of prop-
 7 erty heretofore taken or informally and unwarrantably impressed
 8 for the use of the Government or the army, and report the facts
 9 of each case to the proper bureau for such action thereon as may
 10 be just and proper in the premises.

1 SEC. 2. In case the head of the bureau, to whom the report
 2 provided for in the first section of this act shall be made, shall
 3 be of opinion that any such claim is just and ought to be paid,
 4 he shall forthwith order the same to be paid in such manner as is
 5 now provided by law in other cases.

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