

May 13, 1864

[SENATE, No. 21.]

SENATE, May 13, 1864.—Read first and second times, and ordered to be placed upon the calendar and printed.

May 16, 1864.—Considered, amended and ordered to be printed.

[Mr. BARNWELL, from the Committee on Finance.]

A BILL

To amend an Act entitled "an Act to reduce the Currency, and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds;" approved 17th Feb. 1864.

1 *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
2 *enact*, That the amount of Treasury notes which shall be is-
3 sued under the provisions of the act of which this is an
4 amendment, shall not exceed one dollar of new issue for three
5 dollars of the old, which may have been paid into the Treas-
6 ury under the provisions of the said act: *Provided*, That,
7 this limitation shall not be construed to restrict the authority
8 of the Secretary to issue new notes in exchange for old notes
9 held by individuals, at the rate of two dollars of the new
10 issue for three dollars of the old issue, as provided in the said
11 act. *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Treasury
12 is hereby directed, on the first day of January, 1865, or as
13 soon thereafter as practicable, to reduce the amount of Treas-
14 ury notes in circulation to two hundred million dollars; and
15 when the circulation of said notes shall be thus reduced, the

16 faith of the Government is hereby pledged that the same
17 shall not be increased.

1 SEC. 2. Instead of the six per cent. bonds, authorized to be
2 issued to the States, under the 12th section of the said act, the
3 Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to issue to any State
4 which may desire the same, one-half of such amount as the
5 said State is entitled to claim in Treasury notes of the new
6 issue, and the other half in said six per cent. bonds; or, at the
7 option of the State, in coupon bonds, payable in twenty years,
8 with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable
9 half yearly; the said four per cent. bonds not to be taxable
10 either upon principal or interest: and this provision shall ex-
11 tend to any portion of the amount which such State may be
12 entitled to claim.

1 SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Treasury is, also, authorized
2 to issue to any person holding old issues of Treasury notes
3 entitled to be exchanged for new issues, untaxable four per
4 cent. bonds of the same character described in the section
5 next preceding; and the exchange shall be made at the same
6 rate at which the old notes may be exchanged for those of
7 the new issue—that is to say: the holder of Treasury notes
8 of the old issue shall be entitled to a four per cent. bond
9 exempt from taxation, at the rate of two dollars of bonds for
10 three dollars of notes: *Provided*, That on and after the first
11 day of January, 1865, the authority to make the exchanges
12 mentioned in this section shall cease and determine.

1 SEC. 4. Any holder of four per cent. bonds or certificates,

2 issued under the first section of the Act of which this is an
3 amendment, may exchange his bond or certificate for a four
4 per cent. untaxable bond, such as is described in the section
5 next preceding, at the same rate provided therein as to old
6 issues—that is to say: at the rate of two dollars of untaxable
7 bonds for three dollars of bonds or certificates issued under
8 said first section.

1 SEC. 5. The bonds and certificates, mentioned in the second
2 section of the Act to which this is an amendment, shall be
3 receivable in payment of all Government dues which shall
4 have accrued prior to the first day of January, 1865, except
5 export and import duties; and for purposes of payment
6 herein authorized, shall be transferable by delivery.

1 SEC. 6. The bonds authorized by this Act, shall be in such
2 form, and shall have such authentication as may be directed
3 by regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury.

