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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.]

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## 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,

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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.

