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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1864.— Read first and second times, referred to Special Committee on Claims of States, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. McCallum.]

A. BILL

To be entitled An Act to authorize the 2d Auditor of the Treasury, or a Commissioner, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury with the consent of the President, to take proof as to the expenditures of the State of Tennessee, in constructing military defences and the support of her army previous to its transfer to the Confederate Government.

1 WHEREAS The State of Tennessee "having adopted measures
2 looking to an early withdrawal from the United States, and to
3 becoming a member of the Confederate States," in the Spring of
4 1861, raised troops for the Confederate service, and through the
5 agency of her Military and Financial Board, expended about
6 five millions of dollars in constructing military defences, the
7 purchase of arms and munitions of war, and the pay and sup-
8 port of her soldiers; AND, WHEREAS, The papers of the Milita-
9 ry and Financial Board, together with the most of the vouchers
10 from the different disbursing officers—(including the papers of
11 the Commissary General, Surgeon General, Chief of Ordnance
12 and other officers.) fell into the hands of the enemy on the evac-

13 uation of Nashville; some of the receipts of the Quartermaster
 14 and Commissary having been destroyed a few weeks before, by
 15 the burning of the buildings occupied by them; Therefore,
 1 *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,*
 2 That the Second Auditor of the Treasury or a Commissioner
 3 to be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, by and with
 4 the advice and consent of the President, be hereby authorized
 5 to take proof of the amount expended by the State of Tennessee
 6 in constructing military defences, the purchase of arms and mu-
 7 nitions of war, and the pay and support of her army previous to
 8 the date of its transfer to the government of the Confederate
 9 States, (allowing credit for payments made, if any, and report
 10 the amount owing the State of Tennessee from the Confederate
 11 States,) together with the sums reimbursed, if any, by the Con-
 12 federate Government. He will also take proof as to the loss of
 13 the vouchers of the disbursing officers by the State being over-
 14 run by the enemy and by the burning of the buildings occupied
 15 by the Quartermaster and Commissary, and other unavoidable
 16 causes. He will also take proof as to the items of expenditure
 17 as far as the same can be established; also as to the general
 18 character of the expenditures, and such other secondary proof
 19 as the State may be able to adduce, and report his action there-
 20 on, together with the proof and documentary evidence to Con-
 21 gress.