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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 20, 1865.—Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. HERBERT, from Committee on Claims.

A BILL

To be entitled An Act providing for the auditing and payment of properly authenticated claims.

1 WHEREAS, Under authority of Lt. Gen. E. Kirby Smith, com-
2 manding the Trans-Mississippi Military Department, large quan-
3 tities of cotton have been purchased for the use of the Confed-
4 erate States by W. J. Hutchins, appointed for that purpose, for
5 which certificates have been given, providing that payment should
6 be made as Congress might thereafter prescribe. AND WHERE-
7 AS, Said claims cannot be paid without the sanction of Congress,
8 according to the terms of the contract, Therefore,

1 *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,*
2 That the Secretary of the Treasury do cause all such claims for
3 cotton sold and delivered to the said W. J. Hutchins, for the
4 use of the Confederate States, to be examined and audited by
5 the proper accounting officer of the Trans-Mississippi Depart-
6 ment, according to such regulations as he may deem just and
7 proper, and that there be paid therefor just compensation, out
8 of any funds appropriated thereto.

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