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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 20, 1865.—Read first and second times, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. HERBERT, from the Committee on Claims.]

A BILL

To be entitled **An Act** providing for the auditing and payment of properly authenticated claims against the Cotton Bureau in the Trans-Mississippi Department.

- 1 WHEREAS, Under authority of Lieut. 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 Confeder-
4 ate States, by W. A. Broadwell, appointed for that purpose, and
5 for which certificates have been given, providing that payment
6 should be made as Congress might thereafter prescribe. AND
7 WHEREAS, Said claims cannot be paid without the sanction of
8 Congress, 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. A. Broadwell for the*
4 *use of the Confederate States, to be examined and audited by*
5 *the proper accounting officer of the Trans-Mississippi Military*
6 *Department, according to such regulations as he may deem just*
7 *and proper, and that there be paid therefor just compensation*
8 *out of any funds appropriated thereto.*

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