



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 8, 1864.—Read first and second times, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. SEXTON.]

## A BILL

To be entitled An Act to provide additional compensation for the soldiers of the army of the Confederate States, and for the families of those who die in the service.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*  
2 *enact*, That there shall be issued to every non-commissioned officer  
3 or private who has an honorable discharge from the army of the  
4 Confederate States, a bond, drawing eight per cent. interest., for  
5 an amount equal to the amount which has been paid him while in  
6 service, and that said bond shall bear even date with the discharge,  
7 and the interest thereon shall be payable semi-annually, in coin,  
8 by means of coupons attached to said bonds, and that one-half  
9 of the principal of said bond shall be payable in ten years, and  
10 the other half in twenty years, in coin, and that said bond, and  
11 the interest due thereon, shall only be payable to the original  
12 obligee during life, and to his legal representatives after his  
13 death.

1       Sec. 2. That the wife and children, or widowed mother, of any  
2 private or non-commissioned officer who shall die in service shall  
3 be entitled to a bond of like character and conditions, bearing  
4 date on the day of the death of the father, husband or son.

1       Sec. 3. The coupons of interest due on the bonds provided for  
2 in this act shall be receivable for any taxes due the Confederate  
3 States, from the obligees of said bonds, and the bonds themselves  
4 shall never be subject to taxation.