

[HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 4, 1864.—Postponed,
placed on the Calendar, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. MILES.]

A BILL

To be entitled An Act repealing existing, and regulating future, ex-
emptions from military service.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
2 *enact*. That from and after the passage of this act, all acts and
3 parts of acts exempting persons from military service be, and the
4 same are hereby, repealed, except in so far as they relate to
5 officers of the Confederate and State Governments; and hereafter
6 no other persons shall be exempt from such service than the fol-
7 lowing, to wit: All who shall be held to be unfit for military ser-
8 vice, under rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of War, and
9 such other persons as the said Secretary, with the approval of the
10 President, may deem it expedient to exempt in view of the fact—
11 which must be satisfactorily established—that such persons can
12 by their skill, labor, occupation or employment, better subserve
13 the vital interests of the country, and contribute more substan-

14 tially to its defence outside of the army than in its ranks: *Pro-*
15 *vided*, That even in such cases, absolute exemptions from military
16 service shall not be granted, if, in the opinion of the Secretary of
17 War, the same end can be attained by regularly enrolling and
18 detailing for specific times, and stated purposes, the persons
19 whose skill, labor, occupation or employment may make their
20 services more valuable out of than in the actual ranks of the
21 army.