

[HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SECRET SESSION.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Dec. 31, 1863 —Read first and second times, postponed, ordered to be printed, and made the special order for Monday next, and from day to day.

[By Mr. BALDWIN, from the Special Committee on the Currency.]

A BILL

To be entitled An Act to organize the Treasury Note Bureau.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America*
2 *do enact*, That another bureau shall be organized in the Treasury
3 Department, to be known as the Treasury Note Bureau, which
4 shall have charge of the engraving, printing, and preparing of
5 treasury notes and bonds, and of everything incidental thereto.

1 SEC. 2. A chief of the said bureau shall be appointed by the
2 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,
3 with the same salary as the other heads of bureaus in the said
4 department, whose duty it shall be to provide the materials
5 necessary for every issue of notes or bonds, and to cause the said
6 notes and bonds to be engraved, printed, and prepared for issue,
7 and to superintend and have in charge all the clerks employed in
8 and about the said bureau, under the direction and control of the
9 Secretary of the Treasury.

1 SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Treasury may appoint a chief

2 clerk of the said bureau to reside at Columbia during such time
3 as the engraving and printing may be conducted there, and
4 another chief clerk at Richmond, also two messengers and as
5 many clerks, male and female, as may be necessary to conduct
6 the business of the bureau. The chief clerk at Columbia shall
7 receive a salary of \$2,500, and the other clerks and the mes-
8 sengers shall receive the same salaries as are provided by law
9 for the clerks of the same grade at Richmond.

1 Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish regula-
2 tions for the government and management of the said bureau and
3 for securing such safeguards against counterfeit notes, bonds,
4 or coupons, as he may deem expedient.