

## A BILL

To increase the efficiency of the cavalry of the Confederate States.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America*  
2 *do enact*, That whenever any regiment, battalion or company of  
3 cavalry is serving in any State other than that in which it was  
4 originally recruited, the Secretary of War, shall be authorized,  
5 upon application from the General commanding the army with  
6 which it is serving, to cause the quartermaster of the immediate  
7 command to take up on his property return the horses ridden  
8 by all of the enlisted men of such command, and the horses thus  
9 taken up shall at once become the property of the Confederate  
10 States, and shall be branded with the letter of the company  
11 and number and initials of the regiment to which they belong.  
12 Company commanders shall receipt to the quartermaster for the  
13 horses thus taken up, and each man shall be allowed to retain  
14 for use in the service, the horse that was in his possession when  
15 thus taken up; and at any time that the horses of these men  
16 become unfit for service, their places shall be supplied by others  
17 to be furnished by the Government.

1 SEC. 2. A board of appraisers shall be appointed by the com-  
2 manding General of the army to which such regiment, battalion  
3 or company is attached, which shall appraise the horses thus

4 taken ; and shall also distinguish them as belonging to classes one,  
5 two, three and four, according to quality, and the owner of the  
6 horse shall make his election to receive at once from the quarter-  
7 master of his command, the appraised value of his horse, or a  
8 certificate for a horse of the class to which his belongs, to be  
9 furnished him by the Government of the Confederate States six  
10 months after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United  
11 States; which certificate shall be approved by the commander of  
12 the brigade to which the man belongs.

1 SEC. 3. When any enlisted man serving in cavalry becomes  
2 dismounted, and is unable to remount himself, upon the certificate  
3 of his immediate commander, approved by his brigade and army  
4 commander, that he has been a gallant and faithful soldier, and  
5 takes proper care of his horse, the quartermaster of his immediate  
6 command shall furnish him a Government horse, suitable for  
7 cavalry service, for which his company commander shall re-  
8 ceipt.

1 SEC. 4. The Secretary of War shall cause the Quartermaster  
2 General to make immediate arrangements for procuring horses,  
3 suitable for cavalry, in sufficient numbers to supply, from time to  
4 time, the requirements of the service under this law. He shall  
5 also adopt such regulations for the recruiting of cavalry horses,  
6 the property of the Government, and of cavalrymen who have

7 not the facilities for recruiting their own horses, as he may deem  
8 proper.

1 SEC. 5. When any cavalryman fails to take proper care of  
2 his horse, his brigade or other commander shall report the fact  
3 to the General commanding the army to which he belongs, who  
4 shall assign him to some company from his State of some other  
5 arm of the service.

1 SEC. 6. Any cavalry officer of the Confederate States service,  
2 who shall fail to exact from the men under his command proper  
3 care of their horses, may, upon certificate of the facts by the  
4 brigade inspector, approved by the brigade and division command-  
5 ers to which he belongs, be, by order of the commanding Gene-  
6 ral, dropped from the rolls and conscribed into the ranks.

1 SEC. 7. Any infantry soldier who has been, or may hereafter  
2 be conspicuously distinguished for his gallantry in battle, may  
3 claim a transfer to such cavalry command belonging to the army  
4 to which he belongs, as he may select, and in which he can pro-  
5 cure an exchange, and he shall be furnished with a Government  
6 horse if he desires it.

1 SEC. 8. The Secretary of War, under the direction of the  
2 President, shall, immediately upon the passage of this act, cause  
3 steps to be taken to ensure the importation of a full and regular  
4 supply of cavalry arms of the most approved patterns, and of  
5 such ammunition therefor as cannot be manufactured in the

6 Confederate States, and also of such amount of cavalry equip-  
7 ments as he may deem necessary.

1 SEC. 9. The Secretary of War, under the direction of the  
2 President, shall cause to be procured and issued to cavalry offi-  
3 cers, under such regulations as he may prescribe, the most ap-  
4 proved work on cavalry tactics that can be obtained.

1 SEC. 10. The President shall cause to be established, in con-  
2 nection with the War Department, a bureau of cavalry, which  
3 shall, under direction of the Secretary of War, be charged with  
4 all matters pertaining to the cavalry service of the Confederate  
5 States.