# H. R. 115.

FEBRUARY 8, 1817.

Read twice and committed to the committee of the whole House on the "Bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duties therein mentioned."

# A Bill

*Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause repayment to be made of certain alien duties.*

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That
3 the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby directed to
4 cause to be repaid or remitted all alien or discriminating duties,
5 either upon tonnage or merchandise imported, in respect to
6 all British vessels which have been entered in ports of the
7 United States at any time between the seventeenth of August,
8 one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and the twenty-second
9 of December, in the same year, excepting only such duties as
10 may have been paid or secured on the tonnage of ships, or upon
11 the merchandise imported therein, which ships have been en-
12 tered in the United States from a colony or district into or
13 with which vessels of the United States are not ordinarily per-
14 mitted to enter and trade.