24th CONGRESS,
2d SESSION.

H. R. 896.

JANUARY 31, 1837.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH, of Maine, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following bill:

A BILL

Providing for the adjustment of certain accounts arising under the provision of law herein mentioned.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the proviso of the second section of "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four," passed the twenty-seventh day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, as limits the compensation of certain officers therein mentioned, shall be construed by the Secretary of the Treasury as taking effect from and after the passage of said act, and not sooner; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to re-open and adjust accordingly all accounts of officers coming within the denominations therein mentioned, that have been heretofore adjusted under a different construction of said proviso, and to pay said officers accordingly from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Pro-*

16 *vided, however*, That, for the remainder of the year embraced by
17 said accounts, the payment of such officers shall not exceed the
18 rate of annual compensation provided by said act.