34TH CONGRESS,
3D SESSION.

H. R. 781.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 24, 1857.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. TAYLOR, from the Committee of Claims, reported the following bill:

A BILL

For the relief of George W. Biscoe.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury shall audit the claim of George W. Briscoe to indemnification under the first article of the treaty of Ghent, for the loss of the schooner "Speedwell," captured in the Patuxent river by the British naval forces on the twenty-second of August, eighteen hundred and fourteen, and which was in the waters and within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States on the seventeenth day of February, eighteen hundred and fifteen, the day of the exchange of the ratifications of the said treaty of Ghent, and

12 was carried away out of the said waters and territorial juris-
13 diction of the United States, in violation of the said first article
14 of the said treaty; and that the said officers shall ascertain the
15 value of the said schooner "Speedwell," from such proof as
16 may be exhibited to them, within six months from the date of
17 this act, and that the amount so ascertained shall be paid out
18 of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated:
19 *Provided, always,* That the said amount shall not exceed the
20 sum of two thousand dollars.