

[SENATE BILL, No. 190,]

SENATE, February 10, 1865.--Read first and second times, referred to Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. OLDHAM.]

A BILL

To provide for Raising Two Hundred Thousand Negro Troops.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America*
2 *do enact*, That the President of the Confederate States be
3 and he is hereby authorized to receive into the military service,
4 any number of negro troops not to exceed two hundred thousand.

1 SEC. 2. That the President be and he is authorized, to assign
2 officers already appointed, or make appointments of officers, to
3 raise and command said troops; and the same, when raised,
4 shall be organized as provided under existing laws.

1 SEC. 3. That no negro slave shall be received into the service
2 without the written consent of his owner and under such
3 regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War to
4 carry into effect this act.

1 SEC. 4. That it is hereby declared, that Congress does not
2 hereby assume to change the social and political status of the
3 slave population of the States, but leaves the same under the
4 jurisdiction and control of the States to which it belongs.