

H. R. 727.

[No Report.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 18, 1849.

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

Mr. BURT, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following bill:

A BILL

To reorganize the pay department of the army.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
- 2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
- 3 *assembled,* That the pay department of the army shall
- 4 consist of a paymaster general, who shall have the rank
- 5 of colonel, and the same pay and allowances as are at
- 6 present provided by law, and the same tenure of office as
- 7 the heads of other disbursing departments of the army ;
- 8 two deputy paymasters general, with the same rank, pay, and
- 9 allowances as are now provided by law for such officers,
- 10 and the same tenure of office as officers of like grade in
- 11 other disbursing departments of the army ; and twenty-five

12 paymasters, with the same rank, pay, and allowances as
 13 are now provided by law for such officers, and the same
 14 tenure of office as officers of like grade in other disbursing
 15 departments of the army.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be
 2 the duty of all disbursing officers of the pay department
 3 to renew their bonds or furnish additional security at least
 4 once in four years, or as much oftener as the President
 5 may direct.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers
 2 of the pay department, provided for by the first section of
 3 this act, shall consist of the paymaster general, the two
 4 deputy paymasters general, now in commission, the fifteen
 5 paymasters who are in service under the acts in force at
 6 the commencement of the war with Mexico, and ten pay-
 7 masters, to be selected from the additional paymasters
 8 now in service, and the thirteen paymasters authorized by
 9 the acts of seventeenth of June, eighteen hundred and
 10 forty-six, and the third of March, eighteen hundred and
 11 forty-seven.