

CHARLES H. HAWLEY.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

RETURNING

WITH HIS OBJECTIONS THE BILL (S. 336) ENTITLED "AN ACT
TO GRANT AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE MILITARY
SERVICE TO CHARLES H. HAWLEY."

MARCH 18, 1902.—Read; referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered
to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States:

Senate bill No. 336, entitled "An act to grant an honorable discharge from the military service to Charles H. Hawley," is herewith returned without approval.

This is a mandatory bill, revoking the order of dismissal issued thirty-nine years ago, and directing the issuance of an honorable discharge from the Army to this man, whom his superior officers, including the Commander in Chief, Abraham Lincoln, held to be unworthy to serve in the Army of the Union thirty-nine years ago. I do not at this time express an opinion upon the constitutional questions involved in the bill. I think it in the highest degree inexpedient to reverse the order of dismissal nearly forty years after the event when it is out of the question for anyone to possess the knowledge and the means of arriving at the judgment which was possessed by the fellow-officers of the man at the time they dismissed him.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE, *March 16, 1902.*

[B. 336. Fifty-seventh Congress of the United States of America, at the first session, begun and held at the city of Washington, on Monday, the second day of December, one thousand nine hundred and one.]

*An act to grant an honorable discharge from the military service to
Charles H. Hawley.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to revoke the order dismissing Charles H. Hawley from the service as a second lieutenant of the Sixteenth Regiment of Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and to issue a certificate of honorable discharge for him, to date from the twenty-fifth day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and that said Hawley shall hereafter be held and considered to have been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States on said date: *Provided,* That no pay, bounty, or other emoluments shall become due or payable by virtue of the passage of this Act.

D. B. HENDERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. P. FRYE,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

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