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GEORGE C. WILLARD.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 527.]

APRIL 5, 1836.

Mr. CASEY, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of George C. Willard, of Iowa county, Michigan Territory, after an examination into the prayer of the petitioner, report :

That the said George C. Willard, under and in conformity to the regulations, of the United States, for the government of the lead mines in Iowa county, Michigan Territory, settled on and improved a tract of land in said county, in the year 1829; that he continued to inhabit and cultivate the same until the date of his petition, the 27th December, 1835, except during the Indian war of 1832, in which he served his country with great zeal and bravery, and received in the last battle fought in that war a severe wound; that the tract of land upon which the petitioner settled, as above, was, after the survey of the public lands in that county, found to be the southeast quarter of section sixteen, in township two north, and range one east of the fourth principal meridian, and, in consequence thereof, the petition was not, of course, permitted, by the register and receiver of the land office for the Wisconsin district to prove up his pre-emption right to said quarter section, it being reserved for school purposes.

The committee, believing that another quarter section, quite as valuable for school purposes, may be obtained for the township, and that the said Willard ought to be permitted to prove his right of pre-emption to the same, and enter at the minimum price, if he should prove his right of pre-emption, report a bill for the purpose. The petition of the said George C. Willard is made to be a part of this report.