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THOMAS MURRAY, JR.—REPRESENTATIVE OF.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 668.]

MARCH 20, 1838.

Mr. J. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the memorial of Margaret C. Murray, widow of Thomas Murray, praying compensation for services rendered by her late husband, as Secretary to the Delegation of Cherokee Indians that signed the treaty concluded at Washington on the 6th of May, 1828, having had the subject under consideration, ask leave to report :

They refer, for a statement of the case, to a report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, presented to the House of Representatives on the 15th of January, 1833, which concludes as follows: "The claimant alleges that the services alluded to were performed six months prior to his appointment as clerk or secretary to the agent. Were this allegation conclusively proven, the claimant would, in the judgment of the committee, be entitled to a fair compensation for services, which is shown by the testimony submitted was performed by him. But in the absence of satisfactory evidence in support of that allegation, the committee feel constrained to recommend that the claimant have leave to withdraw his papers."

The committee have examined an extract of a letter from the Department of War, to Major E. W. Duval, Cherokee agent, dated November 25, 1828, authorizing the appointment of a clerk in place of a sub-agent for his agency. This letter bears date more than five months after the services were rendered for which compensation is claimed; and the subsequent appointment of Thomas Murray, as clerk, cannot in justice be considered as compensation for services rendered so long before the clerkship was created. Under this impression, the committee report a bill.

Thomas Allen, print.