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REPORT

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, in relation to the termination of the commission for the adjudication of claims under the Cherokee Treaty of December 29, 1835, and the expenses of the same.

FEBRUARY 9, 1839.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *February 8, 1839.*

SIR: I respectfully transmit the accompanying report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in reply to the resolution of the 10th ultimo, calling for information whether the commission for the adjudication of claims under the Cherokee treaty of 1835 has been terminated, the expense of that commission, &c.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. R. POINSETT.

HON. R. M. JOHNSON, *President of the Senate.*

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Office Indian Affairs, February 6, 1839.

SIR: I have the honor to report on the resolution of the Senate of January 10th:

The commission created under the treaty with the Cherokees of December 29th, 1835, was instructed on the 17th ultimo, that it was the opinion of the department their services might be terminated without injury to any public interest, and that it was its wish they should close the business confided to them without delay, and transmit their final reports. This direction was not given at an earlier day, because many of their duties had not been fulfilled, and because there was nothing in the terms of the 17th article of the treaty, which provided for their appointment, which, in the judgment of the department, restricted its duration to the 23d of May last, the day named in the 16th article as the one before which the Indians must emigrate. They had, however, been previously instructed not to receive any new claims after that time.

The accompanying statement shows the expense of this commission, so far as it can be ascertained from the accounts rendered, to whom the several sums have been paid, and the amount paid to each individual.

Very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

T. HARTLEY CRAWFORD.

HON. J. R. POINSETT, *Secretary of War.*

Statement of the expense of the commission for the adjudication of claims under the treaty with the Cherokee Indians of December 29, 1835, showing to whom the sums expended have been paid, and the sum paid to each individual.

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To whom paid.	For what paid.	Amount.
John Kennedy	For services as commissioner	\$360 00
Do.	Do. do.	1,120 00
Do.	Do. do.	904 00
Do.	Do. do.	720 00
Do.	Do. do.	1,016 00
Do.	Do. do.	752 00
		\$4,872 00
Wilson Lumpkin	Do. do.	920 00
Do.	Do. do.	864 00
Do.	Do. do.	840 00
Do.	Do. do.	1,080 00
Do.	For incidental expenses as commissioner	957 18
		4,661 18
Thomas W. Wilson	For services as commissioner	648 00
Do.	Do. do.	248 00
Do.	Do. do.	976 00
Do.	Do. do.	176 00
Do.	Do. do.	264 00
Do.	Do. do.	120 00
Do.	Do. do.	240 00
		2,672 00
James Liddell	Do. do.	256 00
Do.	Do. do.	360 00
Do.	Do. do.	240 00
Do.	Do. do.	600 00

Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	600 00	
H. W. Hargrove	-	For services as clerk to commissioners	-	-	-	100 00	2,056 00
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	102 00	
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	12 00	
William H. Jackson	-	For services as secretary to commissioners	-	-	-	575 00	214 00
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	455 00	
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	530 00	
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	550 00	
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	650 00	
Stephen Mays	-	For work and materials on commissioners' office	-	-	-	-	2,760 00
Joseph Carr	-	For table for commissioners	-	-	-	-	200 10
Ellis S. Harlan	-	For services as interpreter to commissioners	-	-	-	232 50	3 00
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	145 00	
G. W. Currey	-	For services as clerk to commissioners	-	-	-	-	377 50
J. L. Sparks	-	For extra services as clerk to commissioners	-	-	-	-	1,130 00
Jacob Howard	-	For building office for commissioners	-	-	-	-	15 00
D. J. Bell	-	For services as interpreter to commissioners	-	-	-	-	328 18
John C. Mullay	-	For services as secretary pro tem. to commissioners	-	-	-	195 00	32 50
Do.	-	For services as secretary to commissioners	-	-	-	432 25	
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	350 00	
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	325 00	
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	195 00	
Josiah Reese	-	For services as interpreter to commissioners	-	-	-	95 00	1,497 25
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	75 00	
Do.	-	Do.	do.	-	-	110 00	
							280 00

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STATEMENT—Continued.

To whom paid.	For what paid.	Amount.	
John M. Gifford	For services as clerk to commissioners	\$99 00	
Do.	Do. do.	183 00	
Do.	Do. do.	129 00	
Do.	Do. do.	84 00	
Do.	Do. do.	186 00	
			\$681 00
Edward Schreiner	Do. do.	-	6 00
Simeon S. Barrett	For candles for commissioners' office	-	21 00
W. W. Liddell	For services as clerk to commissioners	195 00	
Do.	Do. do.	141 00	
			336 00
James S. Bridges	For sundries for commissioners' office	-	25 81
James K. Love	For services as clerk to commissioners	-	9 00
Betsy Woodward	For services as interpreter to commissioners	-	5 00
R. A. Ramsay	For transportation of commissioners	-	40 00
C. K. Gillespie	For services as clerk to commissioners	-	114 00
Lewis Griffin	For services as interpreter to commissioners	-	10 00
John W. Mayo	For services as clerk to commissioners	-	84 00
T. H. McCallie	Do. do.	117 00	
Do.	Do. do.	123 00	
			240 00
H. B. Gaither	Do. do.	132 00	
Do.	Do. do.	138 00	
Do.	Do. do.	57 00	
Do.	Do. do.	186 00	

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J. M. D. Reese	-	-	For services as interpreter to commissioners	-	-	-	-	127 50	513 00
Do.	-	-	Do. do.	-	-	-	-	97 50	
									225 00
John W. H. Dawson	-	-	For services as clerk to commissioners	-	-	-	-	195 00	
Do.	-	-	Do. do.	-	-	-	-	90 00	
									285 00
A. M. Russell	-	-	For services to United States commissioners	-	-	-	-	-	114 00
D. S. Bell	-	-	For services as clerk to commissioners	-	-	-	-	-	129 00
S. S. McGuier	-	-	Do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	471 00
Jacob Howard	-	-	For stationery for commissioners	-	-	-	-	-	319 85
J. Westmoreland	-	-	For hauling for commissioners' office	-	-	-	-	-	8 00
									24,735 37