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JACOB HAAS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 307.]

APRIL 4, 1840.

Mr. WM. O. BUTLER, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Haas, with the accompanying papers, report :

That two sections of land were reserved to Me-saw-ke-qua and her two children, at Wais-us kuck's village, by the provisions of the treaty held at camp Tippecanoe, by the commissioners of the United States, with the chiefs and head-men of the tribe of Pottawatomie Indians of the Prairie and Kankakee, concluded on the 20th day of October, 1832. The petitioner claims to have purchased two-thirds of this reservation, and files a deed duly executed and authenticated from Me-saw-ke-qua and Noel Vesseur, who are stated in said petition to be two of the persons provided for by said reservation.

There is no provision in this treaty authorizing the sale or conveyance of any of the lands reserved, and the general law would seem to prohibit it. It is, however, believed to be the manifest policy of the Government to extinguish all Indian titles within the bounds of the several States, provided it can be done by purchasing them fairly and for a full consideration. The committee, therefore, report a bill authorizing the President to cause a patent to be issued to the petitioner, on receiving satisfactory testimony on those points.

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