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DEERIN FARRER.

JANUARY 28, 1845.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. VANCE, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the claim preferred to Congress by Deerin Farrer, a blacksmith employed to make hoes, axes, &c., for the New York Indians in Onondaga county, report :

That it appears, from the affidavits of the petitioner, of his son Franklin Farrer, and John Spencer, that Deerin Farrer furnished hoes and axes to the New York Indians, by order of their agent, James Stryker, of Buffalo, New York, in the year 1835 to the amount of \$100, and in the year 1836 to the amount of \$112; that he sent his account for the year 1835, *receipted*, to the said Stryker; that the said Stryker returned the account, as being informal, and sent him a proper form; and that he at the same time advanced him \$75 upon his account. It also appears that at a subsequent day the petitioner sent his accounts, *receipted*, for the years 1835 and 1836, by his son Franklin Farrer, to the said James Stryker, and left the *receipted accounts with him, without having received the money* for which they called. Stryker gave the receipted accounts of Farrer to Major John Garland, who was the disbursing agent of the United States at Buffalo, and probably received in return the money due to Farrer upon them, but, under various pretexts, refused to pay it over to him. When the receipted accounts of Deerin Farrer, for the years 1837 and 1838, were presented to Mr. Stryker by John Spencer, Stryker told him if he "would leave them with him, he would get the money and forward it to Mr. Farrer; but this deponent refused to leave the receipts unless the money was paid; and, not receiving the money, this deponent returned the receipts to Mr. Farrer." The petitioner asks to have the amount of money obtained by James Stryker, the United States Indian agent for the New York Indians, of Major John Garland, disbursing officer of the United States (amounting to \$137) paid to him (the said Farrer) from the treasury of the United States; the said Stryker having become at once a defaulter and insolvent.

This claim the committee cannot recommend to the favorable consideration of the House. Major Garland, not Mr. Stryker, was the disbursing agent of the government; and the United States ought not to be made to suffer because Franklin Farrer, unlike John Spencer, chose to leave receipted accounts in the hands of James Stryker, without having received payment to the amount for which they called. If government employees choose to give credit to the officers thereof, without warrant of law, it is at their peril.

