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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 15, 1852.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. ATCHISON made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany joint resolution S. No. 25.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of John A. Bryan, report :

That they find the facts upon which the petitioner's claim against the government is founded to be as follows: On the 19th of April, 1836, the petitioner was appointed a commissioner, by the Secretary of War, Mr. Cass, to make and carry into effect a treaty with the Wyandot Indians; his duties were prescribed by the Secretary of War, and his compensation fixed at eight dollars per day. The petitioner discharged the duties thus imposed upon him. The duties required and the compensation to be paid are shown in the following letter of the Secretary of War, (marked B.)

The petitioner files his account against the United States, as follows, (marked A.)

There are many letters and affidavits before the committee, tending to show, and do show, that the petitioner did perform the services required. It is also admitted that no compensation has been made for much the greater portion of services rendered by the petitioner.

The committee are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to the sum of eight dollars per day whilst engaged in the service aforesaid, and no more; and therefore report a resolution to that effect.

A.

The United States in account with John A. Bryan, Dr.

To services rendered in carrying into effect the treaty made by me, as commissioner on the part of the United States, with the chiefs and headmen of the Wyandot nation of Indians, in Ohio, in pursuance of instructions from the War Department, under date of April 23d, 1836:

Employed, after the conclusion of the treaty at Washington, in seeing to the survey of the 40,000 acres of land authorized to be sold under the said treaty, and in providing for the same, agreeably to instructions, 45 days at \$8 per day. [The foregoing services were rendered at sundry times, and on various days, between the 30th day of April, 1836, and the 5th day of December, in same year.].....	\$360 00
To mileage, (400 miles,) from Columbus, Ohio, and returning, at \$8 for every 20 miles.....	320 00
To mileage, to Cincinnati and returning, 230 miles; to Sandusky, 65 miles and returning, same—360 miles in all, at \$8 for every 20 miles.....	144 00
	824 00

JOHN A. BRYAN.

B.

WAR DEPARTMENT, April 19, 1836.

SIR : Some of the Wyandot chiefs, from the State of Ohio, having arrived here, and being desirous of disposing of a portion of their reservation in that State, I am instructed by the President to request you to act as commissioner in making arrangements for that purpose:

You will, in the first place, ascertain that they have full power to sell. And if they are authorized to dispose of the whole tract, it is very desirable that the whole should be purchased. But if they are unwilling or not authorized to do so, you will then make an arrangement with them for as much as they are disposed to sell. As they have evinced a desire that the whole proceeds should be applied to their own benefit, the President is willing to indulge them in this request; and you are, therefore, authorized to provide for the survey and sale of the tract that may be ceded, upon the same principle that the public lands are surveyed and sold. The proceeds will, in the first instance, be applied to the payment of all expenses incurred in carrying the treaty into effect, and a portion of the residue will be paid over for such objects of public concern as may be designated by them. The balance will be distributed as annuities are divided among them. You will take care that such securities are interposed in the treaty as to insure the faithful application and accountability of the money.

While engaged in these duties you will be allowed eight dollars per day.

Very, &c.,

LEWIS CASS.

To JOHN A. BRYAN, *Washington.*