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EXPENSES CAYUSE WAR, OREGON.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 232.]

MARCH 8, 1854.

Mr. G. W. SMYTH, from the Committee on the Territories, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on the Territories, to whom was referred House bill No. 252, "to amend an act entitled 'An act to settle and adjust the expenses of the people of Oregon, in defending themselves from the attacks and hostilities of the Cayuse Indians, in the years 1847 and 1848,'" have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the following facts in relation to the subject-matter of the bill, viz:*

It appears from the accompanying letter of the First Comptroller of the Treasury, of the 24th ultimo, marked "A," that of the \$100,000 appropriated by the act of the 14th of February, 1851, "to settle and adjust the expenses of the people of Oregon in defending themselves from the attacks and hostilities of the Cayuse Indians," there had been paid out, at that date, the sum of..... \$97,038 60  
Ten claims reported that morning..... 1,512 91

Amount in full..... 98,551 51  
leaving a balance of the original appropriation of \$1,448 49.

It also appears, by a letter addressed by the First Comptroller to the Hon. Joseph Lane, dated 23d ultimo, that at that date there were certificates of Cayuse war claims on file in said Comptroller's office, amounting to..... \$11,827 84

There were also certificates of awards, arising out of the Cayuse war in Oregon Territory, on file in the Fifth Auditor's office, amounting to..... 14,850 45

Together amounting to..... 26,678 29

A copy of the Comptroller's letter to the Hon. Joseph Lane, together with a statement of those claims now on file in said Comptroller's office, and a statement of those on file in the office of the Fifth Auditor of the Treasury, are likewise herewith presented, marked "B," "C," and "D," respectively.

It appears from documents "C" and "D," that of the \$26,678 29 of Cayuse war claims, now on file in the Treasury Department, there

are \$13,358 14 unprovided for by any existing law, and which cannot be allowed and paid without further legislation, viz:

Audited by Commissioner A. A. Skinner.....	\$3,426 07
Audited by Commissioner B. F. Harding.....	9,144 14
Audited by Commissioner C. M. Terry .....	787 15
Total amount unprovided for in both offices.....	<u>13,358 14</u>

It further appears from House executive document No. 45, that the accounts of the various commissioners for services rendered in the adjustment of these Cayuse war claims amount to \$1,847 75, which, added to the \$26,678 29 already stated, make an aggregate of \$28,526 04. The committee have therefore recommended an appropriation of \$30,000, believing that sum sufficient to pay all the claims now on file, and the expenses necessarily arising in their adjustment. For the accounts of the commissioners for their services, and for further information in relation to these Cayuse war claims generally, reference is made to House executive document No. 45.

As these claims, from the circumstances attending them, cannot be substantiated by such vouchers as the law requires in other cases, the committee have thought it advisable that, in legislating on this subject, we should follow the example of our predecessors, by providing for the payment of such claims only as are in the Treasury Department, and have been subject to the scrutiny of its officers. The committee have therefore instructed me to report a substitute for the bill, and to recommend its passage.

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A.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
Comptroller's Office, February 24, 1854.

SIR: Your letter addressed to the honorable James Guthrie, Secretary of the Treasury, on the 20th instant, enclosing the copy of a bill under the consideration of the Committee on Territories, in regard to a further appropriation to defray the expenses of the Cayuse war, in the years 1847 and 1848, having been referred to this office, I respectfully submit the following statement:

On the 3d instant I made a report to the Secretary of the Treasury communicating most of the information you desire to obtain. That report, and the papers that accompanied it, are printed, and compose "House executive document, 1st session of the 33d Congress, No. 45," to which I respectfully refer you.

By an act approved on the 14th of February, 1851, Congress appropriated for paying these claims.....	\$100,000 00
And the 3d of February claims had been paid to the amount of.....	96,775 41
	<u>3,224 59</u>

There has been paid since.....	\$63 19
Balance of that appropriation at this date.....	<u>2,961 40</u>

Ten claims have been reported this morning from the Fifth Auditor's office, the aggregate amount of which is \$1,512 91.

Permit me to suggest, there are some incidental expenses that should be paid, not embraced by the bill now under the consideration of the committee.

No provision has been made for paying the commissioners, or the clerk employed by Governor Gaines, for the services they have rendered. There may be other contingent expenses not now known to the department, or that may be necessarily incurred by Governor Davis; and I submit whether it is not expedient to empower the Secretary of the Treasury to allow claims of the character mentioned, on due proof, to be paid out of the appropriation that may be made by the contemplated act. If a power should be given to the Secretary of the Treasury to revise the awards of the commissioners when he should receive information that allowances were improperly certified, the treasury would be protected, and at the same time full justice be extended to the claimants. There are two awards suspended in this office in consequence of information received from Oregon.

If you desire any further information in this matter in this office, it shall be given; or if the services of the office should be required, they will be rendered with pleasure. The letter of the Secretary of War is returned.

Most sincerely yours,

ELISHA WHITTLESEY.

HON. GEORGE W. SMYTH,  
*Of the Committee on Territories.*

B.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Comptroller's Office, February 23, 1854.*

SIR: In compliance with your request, I send herewith two statements, as follows:

Certificates of Cayuse war claims on file in the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury, amounting to....	\$11,827 84
Certificates for awards arising out of the Cayuse war in Oregon Territory, now on file in the office of the Fifth Auditor of the Treasury, amounting to.....	14,850 45
Together amounting to .....	<u>26,678 29</u>

I am, respectfully, yours, &c.,

ELISHA WHITTLESEY,  
*Comptroller.*

HON. JOSEPH LANE,  
*House of Representatives.*

*Certificates of Cayuse war claims on file in the office of the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury.*

In whose favor.	By whom made. *	Amount.	Total.
A. Lawrence Lovejoy ..	H. E. Wait, com'r. ....		\$2,386 30
Do .....	L. A. Rice, do .....		1,524 20
Hudson's Bay Co.....	John P. Gaines, gov'r.	\$1,634 84	
Aaron E. Waite.....	do .....	846 00	
			2,480 84
David Burnside.....	B. F. Harding, com'r..	1,496 50	
Isaac W. Sullivan.....	do .....	465 00	
Cris. Taylor.....	do .....	258 50	
James Morris.....	do .....	267 00	
A. Moore.....	do .....	220 70	
Benjamin Bratton.....	do .....	88 05	
Mitchell Gilliam.....	do .....	296 94	
James M. Fulkerson.....	do .....	234 05	
William Miller.....	do .....	113 00	
			3,439 74
John Crantrel.....	do .....	267 00	
John Gros Lewis.....	do .....	54 85	
J. N. Donald.....	do .....	267 00	
James S. Dill.....	do .....	17 73	
Thomas Moaleth.....	do .....	82 38	
J. C. Ross.....	do .....	113 61	
Wm. D. Canfield.....	do .....	267 00	
John Allen.....	do .....	22 91	
Estate of Stephen King, deceased.....	do .....	116 50	
Joseph Senegrallor....	Chester M. Terry, com'r	63 00	
Andrew J. Lenberger ..	do .....	69 00	
F. M. P. Goff.....	do .....	116 50	
Albert Stewart.....	do .....	167 83	
Estate of M. A. Ford.....	do .....	118 50	
A. M. Smith.....	do .....	252 95	
			1,996 76
Total.....			11,827 84

