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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 28, 1857.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JONES, of Iowa, made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. 531.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Sandusky, Ohio, praying a pension may be granted to Jonathan Painter, for services rendered as a guide and spy during the war of 1812, beg leave to report:

That the petitioners represent that said Painter was one of a few Wyandot Indians that aided the Americans in the war of 1812, and that he rendered valuable services in the capacity of a spy; that, in the battle of Maguaga and Brownstown, he received the special commendation of the officers in command; and his services in carrying messages through hostile regions from one command to another, were highly appreciated by the officers needing such services. Your committee also subjoin and adopt, as part of this report, an extract from a letter of Hon. Lewis Cass, dated Washington, January 6, 1857. "In 1812, Painter was a powerful, active young man. He had been taken prisoner in early life by the Wyandots, and had become an Indian in all his habits and feelings. He was living at Upper Sandusky, and immediately favored the American cause, and continued faithfully attached to it through the whole war. He was confidentially employed by General Harrison in scouring the country as a guide and spy, and with messages to the Indians. He acted with fidelity and bravery, and exercised a good deal of influence over the Wyandots, many of whom were thus prevented from joining the enemy. He is now old, poor, and helpless, and certainly some provision should be made for him." The committee, therefore, report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.