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PENSION LAWS FOR CHEROKEE INDIANS.

MARCH 3, 1857.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PRINGLE, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred Senate resolution No. 6, entitled "A resolution declaring in what manner the pension laws for the benefit of the Cherokee Indians shall be executed," respectfully report:

That they have examined the treaty with the Cherokees concluded at New Echota December 29, 1835, and the pension law of April 14, 1842, which provides for pensioning Cherokee warriors, &c. They have also inquired as to the manner of executing the said pension laws, and find that, in the judgment of the committee, the Commissioner of Pensions has properly construed and fairly executed the same according to the true intent and meaning thereof. That to pass the said resolution would change and alter the said law in effect, and place the beneficiaries under it upon a different and more favorable footing than was intended by the Congress that enacted the law.

Your committee, believing the law, as it now stands and as now executed, to be right, recommend that the said resolution do *not* pass.