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GEORGE G. DURHAM.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 526.]

MARCH 30, 1860.

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

REPORT.

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom were referred the memorial and papers of George G. Durham, report :

That they have investigated and made themselves acquainted with the facts of the case.

The memorialist states that he was employed as a temporary clerk in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs from about April 1, 1855, to February 1, 1857. That the duties of the desk to which he was assigned are sufficiently arduous to require the constant attention and labor of one clerk, and the person now performing them, who is also a temporary clerk, receives a salary, as did the former clerk, of \$1,400 a year. He also states that he performed other duties belonging to another desk some months of the time he was employed in said office.

These facts, the committee are satisfied, are truly stated; and furthermore, that he performed the duties assigned him faithfully and satisfactorily; that he was employed, and continued in the performance of those duties with the knowledge and assent, if not by the direction of the Commissioner, until his services were dispensed with; and that he was not paid simply because there was no appropriation out of which he could be paid, and the Commissioner unintentionally neglected to ask for such an appropriation. It is stated by the acting Commissioner, in a letter addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, dated May 5, 1858, that the services were performed as stated in the memorial, and he regarded them as essentially requisite.

The committee, therefore, deem it but an act of justice that the said George G. Durham should be paid at the rate of \$1,400 a year, for twenty-two months' service; and they recommend that the sum of \$2,566 52 be appropriated for the payment of the said salary for that time to George G. Durham, and that it be provided for in the deficiency bill.