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BELVA A. LOCKWOOD.

JULY 2, 1884.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. GRAVES, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT :

[To accompany bill H. R. 3781.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred House bill 3781, having had the same under consideration, would respectfully submit the following adverse report, namely, that said original bill do not pass, and your committee would report the following as a substitute therefor and recommend its passage, viz :

A BILL for the relief of Belva A. Lockwood.

Whereas by the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, the Court of Claims is authorized to hear and determine certain rights of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in and to the moneys, stocks, and bonds held by the United States in trust for the Cherokee Nation of Indians, arising out of the sales of lands lying west of the Mississippi River, and also in a certain other fund commonly called "the permanent annuity fund," in accordance with which act a suit has been instituted in said court and entered on its docket as number thirteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight (13828); and

Whereas Belva A. Lockwood claims to have rendered to said Indians valuable professional and other services, and to have incurred large expense and outlay of money for several years past for the benefit of and under a valid contract with said Cherokees; therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the hearing and determining of the said suit number thirteen thousand eight hundred and twenty eight (13828), the Court of Claims is hereby authorized and directed to ascertain and consider whether or not the said Belva A. Lockwood has a valid contract with said Indians, and if so, to determine what, if anything; to hear and consider the claim of Belva A. Lockwood for professional services rendered and expense incurred by her in aiding the said Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in prosecuting their rights now involved in said suit, and to determine what amount is justly due to her on account of such services and expenditures, and to make and enter of record in the cause an order that the amount so proved to be due to her shall be paid to her out of such sum or sums as may be found and determined to be due to the said Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.