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Report : Petition of W. Forman

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 25, 1886.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WALTHALL, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 1863.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1863) for the relief of W. T. H. Forman, having considered the same, report as follows:

Your committee find nothing to support this claim.

They recommend that the bill (S. 1863) do not pass, and submit the following communication and accompanying papers from the War Department:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, May 22, 1886.

SIR: The Department is in receipt of a letter dated the 28th ultimo from the clerk of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, requesting that you be furnished with the views of the Department on Senate bill 1863, Forty-ninth Congress, first session, providing for the payment to W. T. H. Forman, of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, of \$1,845, for property taken by Colonel Doubleday's regiment of Second Ohio Cavalry at Carey's Ferry, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, about June, 1862.

In reply I have the honor to inclose extract copies of Special Orders Nos. 27 and 30, Headquarters Indian Expedition of 1862, and a copy of Colonel Doubleday's letter to Colonel Weer, dated June 8, 1862, which afford all the information of record in the Adjutant-General's Office in this case.

Search has also been made in the office of the Quartermaster-General and the Commissary-General of Subsistence, but no record is found of a claim in favor of Mr. Forman.

Senate bill 1863 is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. V. BENÉT,
Brigadier-General, Chief of Ordnance, and Acting Secretary of War.

Hon. E. C. WALTHALL,
Committee on Military Affairs, United States Senate.

HEADQUARTERS, TROOPS ON SPRING RIVER,
June 8, 1862—6 o'clock p. m.

SIR: I have the honor to report: On the morning of the 6th instant I left this place with one thousand men for the purpose of breaking up the rebel encampment on Cow Skin Prairie, which have so long infested this neighborhood. I arrived at Grand River on the same day about sundown, and learned that the enemy were encamped 3 miles distant, to the number of 1,500, commanded by Stand Waite, Coffee, and others. I ordered the First Battalion, Second Ohio Cavalry, across the river to take position south of the rebel encampment, advancing at the same time with my artillery, supported by infantry, in skirmishing order through the woods to the crossing, which was effected by the entire force by 9 o'clock p. m. * * * During the night the

enemy escaped along the brushwood and made a rapid march toward Fort Scott. I did not follow them, under your orders not to proceed farther south, but employed the next day collecting the horses and cattle which they left in their flight, and which are now, to the number of five or six hundred head, under convoy of my command to this place, where I arrived one hour since.

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
CHAS. DOUBLEDAY,
Colonel, Commanding Troops on Spring River.

Colonel WEER,
Commanding Indian Expedition.

[Special Orders No. 27.]

HEADQUARTERS, INDIAN EXPEDITION,
Camp on Grand River, July 12, 1862.

Lieut. H. C. Pike, Second Ohio Cavalry, is detailed, with fifty men, to convoy a train of twenty-six wagons to Fort Scott.

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No property will be taken out of the country by any person unless the same has been properly purchased and paid for, of which fact Lieutenant Pike will be the judge.

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By order of Col. William Weer, commanding Indian Expedition.
W. W. H. LAWRENCE,
Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General.

Official.

J. C. KELTON,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, May 7, 1862.

[Special Orders No. 30.]

HEADQUARTERS, INDIAN EXPEDITION,
Camp on Grand River, July 13, 1862.

Captain Scharte, of Sixth Kansas Cavalry, is detailed, with fifty men, to convoy a train of fifteen wagons to Fort Scott.

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No property will be taken out of the country by any person unless the same has been properly purchased and paid for, of which Captain Scharte will be the judge.

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By order of Col. William Weer, commanding Indian Expedition.
W. W. H. LAWRENCE,
Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General.