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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 9, 1886.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MITCHELL, of Oregon, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 800.]

The Committee on claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 800) to authorize Dr. C. E. Price, assistant surgeon, United States Army, to receive pay for discharging the duties of physician to the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, such services having been performed at the request of the proper officers of the Interior Department, submit the following report:

The facts of this case are as follows: Dr. C. E. Price was an assistant surgeon in the United States Army, on duty and under pay. The resignation of Doctor Reid, physician on the Hoopa Indian Reservation, was accepted to take effect December 1, 1877. The agency was in charge of Richard C. Parker, captain Twelfth Infantry, acting Indian agent. By Reid's resignation he was left without a doctor, many of the Indians were sick and suffering for the want of medical attendance. Dr. Price, as assistant surgeon, United States Army, could not accept the appointment of physician, but he was authorized and requested by Captain Parker to render them every attention. It seems he did so for a period of time, was assiduous in his attention, and for and on account of which, Captain Parker earnestly recommended that some action be taken by the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs towards compensating Dr. Price for the services rendered the Department.

At the time these services were rendered, Dr. Price, as stated, was an officer of the Army, and was under no obligation whatever to perform this service; nor was he under any obligation to comply with the request of the captain. The service was a mere voluntary one, rendered by an officer of the Army then under pay.

Your committee are of the opinion he is not entitled to any compensation for the services rendered.