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GEORGE H. PETTIGREW.

JUNE 15, 1886.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 119.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, having had under consideration the bill (H. R. 119) for the relief of George H. Pettigrew, of Washington County, Arkansas, submit the following report:

This bill provides for the payment of \$2,000 out of the funds of the Cherokee Nation to claimant for the destruction of some hotel property owned by him, situate and located at Vinita, Cherokee Nation. This claim was properly presented by claimant, to the Indian Department, and most fully and thoroughly investigated. A large amount of evidence was taken by claimant and the Government, in the interest of said nation, which evidence clearly establishes the ownership and destruction of the property by Cherokee Indians, without fault of claimant, and which evidence fixes the value of said property at various sums, ranging all the way from \$10,000 down to \$2,000; that after full investigation the Indian Department awarded claimant, George H. Pettigrew, \$2,000, and reported the same officially to the Forty-eighth Congress, at which Congress your committee favorably reported the same back to the House, and recommended that it be referred by the House to the Committee on Appropriations, which was offered on the Indian appropriation bill, but was ruled out upon a point of order. From the foregoing facts and reasons your committee report the bill back without amendment, and recommend that it do pass.

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