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LOYAL SEMINOLE INDIANS.

MARCH 1, 1899.—Ordered to be printed.

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

R E P O R T .

In compliance with the Senate resolution of January 17, 1899, instructing the Committee on Indian Affairs to investigate the claims of the loyal Seminole Indians for losses sustained during the war of the rebellion, and to report by bill or otherwise its conclusions to the Senate, together with such recommendations as might be deemed advisable, the Committee on Indian Affairs has thoroughly investigated the case, and it submits herewith a proposed amendment to the bill making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, with a recommendation that the proposed amendment be incorporated into the bill aforesaid.

At the beginning of the war of the rebellion, in 1861, the Seminole tribe or nation was located in the central part of the Indian Territory. These Indians at that time had adopted the habits and customs of civilized people. They had built for themselves comfortable homes and had accumulated much property, consisting of cattle, hogs, farm implements, household furniture, etc. They were thus situated when hostilities between the North and South began, and, like many other communities on the border, they divided in sentiment, some transferring their allegiance to the Confederacy and some remaining loyal to the United States.

Those remaining loyal were forced to abandon their homes and country and go North, leaving most of their property within the lines of the Confederate forces. During their absence their country was invaded by hostile forces and marauding bands, many of their homes were destroyed, and most of their personal property captured or stolen. Prior to the war of the rebellion provision had been made for the protection of the Seminoles against the spoliations of war, through a legalized promise of indemnity in case they suffered from the depredations incident to domestic strife. The protection guaranteed them is embodied in article 18 of the Creek-Seminole treaty of August 7, 1856, which says:

The United States shall protect the Creeks and Seminoles from domestic strife, from hostile invasion, and from aggression by other Indians and white persons not subject to their jurisdiction and laws, and for all other injuries resulting from such invasion or aggression full indemnity is hereby guaranteed to the party or parties injured out of the Treasury of the United States.

In pursuance of the terms of this agreement those of the Seminoles who remained loyal to the Government duly filed their claims and commissioners were appointed to investigate the same, as was provided in article 4 of the treaty of 1866, which recognized the justice of their claims and guaranteed payment thereof when adjusted. The commissioners prepared a roll of the loyal Seminoles, examined each individual claim, made awards thereon, and reported their conclusions to the Secretary of the Interior, all of which are embodied in Senate Doc. No. 72, third session Fifty-fifth Congress.

Although the commissioners found that there was due the loyal Seminoles a total of \$213,888.95, your committee finds cause to differ with their conclusions. The commissioners allowed the face value of every claim presented. After careful investigation, your committee recommends a deduction of 45 per cent from the total allowed by the commissioners. From the remainder should be subtracted \$50,000, the sum allowed by, and paid under, the provisions of the sundry civil appropriation act of July 28, 1866, as follows:

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the losses that may be awarded under the provisions of article 4 of treaty March 21, 1866, as per third article of said treaty, \$50,000.

Upon the amount remaining your committee has figured 5 per cent from the 16th day of August, 1866, to the present time, in accordance with the terms of article 3 of the treaty of August 16, 1866, which is as follows:

And in case said fifty thousand dollars shall be insufficient to pay all said awards, it shall be distributed pro rata to those whose claims are so allowed; and until said awards shall be thus paid the United States agree to pay to said Indians, in such manner and for such purposes as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, interest at the rate of five per cent per annum from the date of the ratification of this treaty. (14 Stat., 757.)

In the treaty made with the Seminoles on December 16, 1897, by the Dawes Commission and ratified by Congress on the 1st day of July, 1898, it was provided as follows:

The loyal Seminole claim shall be submitted to the United States Senate, which shall make final determination of the same, and, if sustained, shall provide for payment thereof within two years from the date hereof.

We therefore find that there is due said loyal Seminoles the sum of \$177,085, and we recommend the payment of that sum in full settlement of said award.

The accompanying papers are made a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 27, 1899.

SIR: I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, acknowledging the receipt of departmental letter of the 20th instant, embodying the report of the commissioners appointed to investigate the Seminole losses, and inquiring if the Department has anything further relating to the loyal Seminole claim.

In reply, you are advised that the only information concerning said claim that is in the possession of the Department is to be found in the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on January 19, 1899, a copy of which has heretofore been transmitted to your committee in the report on H. R. 11217, being an amendment to the bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department. In said report the Commissioner states:

"Under the treaty named a commission was appointed, which commission, under date of November 26, 1867, reported to the Department that the aggregate of claims

filed with the commission amounted to \$216,351.20; that the amount allowed on said claims by the said commission amounted to \$213,888.95. The amount paid thereon pro rata was \$50,000, leaving an unpaid balance of \$163,888.95."

Respectfully,

C. N. BLISS, *Secretary.*

Hon. R. F. PETTIGREW,

Chairman of Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate.

[Senate Document No. 72, Fifty-fifth Congress, third session.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 20, 1899.

SIR: On January 18 the Department received the resolution of the Senate of the United States dated 17th instant, as follows:

"Whereas by article four of the treaty of March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, with the Seminole Nation of Indians, the Secretary of the Interior was authorized to investigate and determine the losses sustained by loyal Seminoles during the war of the rebellion; and

"Whereas by the agreement of December sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, with said nation it was and is provided as follows: 'The loyal Seminole claim shall be submitted to the United States Senate, which shall make final determination of the same, and, if sustained, shall provide for payment thereof within two years from date thereof:' Therefore,

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, requested to furnish the Senate with a copy of the roll of said loyal Seminoles, and also a copy of the report of the commissioners appointed by him to investigate and determine said losses, in pursuance of the said treaty of eighteen hundred and sixty-six. And be it further

"Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be, and is hereby, instructed to investigate the matter, in accordance with said treaty and agreement, and report by bill or otherwise its conclusions to the Senate, with such recommendations as may be deemed advisable."

Said resolution was duly referred to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for early report in duplicate. In compliance with said resolution, I now have the honor to transmit copies of the loyal Seminole rolls and the report of the commissioners appointed to investigate Seminole losses.

Respectfully,

C. N. BLISS,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, *November 26, 1867.*

SIR: The undersigned, a commission by appointment of the Secretary of the Interior, under the authority of the fourth article of the treaty of the 21st March, 1866, between the United States and the Seminole Indians, "to adjudge and determine the claims of loyal Seminoles for losses actually sustained by reason of their having remained loyal and faithful to their treaty stipulations to the United States during the recent rebellion," etc., respectfully report that, having received our instructions, we immediately started for the Seminole country.

By appointment of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, it was arranged that the commission should meet in the city of St. Louis, Mo., on the 14th of August. The undersigned were prompt in their meeting, but failed to meet a third commissioner, of whose appointment we had been duly advised. We waited a reasonable time for his appearance, then telegraphed the Department for instructions, and received an answer authorizing us "to wait one day longer, and if he did not appear, then we should proceed and execute our mission without him." Acting upon our instructions, we promptly left St. Louis and proceeded by the most direct and expeditious route to the field of our labors. After a fatiguing trip, made long by the modes of travel incident to the Far West, we reached the Seminole Agency on the night of the 9th of September, and on the morning following we began our duties.

Upon our arrival we found the northern portion of the Seminoles in council, and at once put ourselves in communication with them, making known our business, and thus giving the "public notice" required by the terms of our instructions, which notice was promptly disseminated among the people of the nation by the chief and headmen of the different bands. We also communicated with John Jumper, a chief

residing with the southern portion of the Seminoles at the old agency, distant 50 miles, and requested that he would make known our arrival and business among that portion of the Seminole people. In due time we received his acknowledgment, which, with a copy of our letter, is herewith transmitted.

It will be seen by reference to some of the claims that the claimants have put in for loss of guns; also for loss of cash (gold and silver coin). In the instance of a loss of guns, we have, through witnesses, satisfied ourselves that the claimants carried a gun off with them at the time of leaving home, and only allowed for guns when the claimant carried away one or more and had to leave others behind.

In the item of cash, occurring in some of the claims, we have made our investigations as full as possible, always satisfying ourselves through witnesses that the claimant actually possessed said money and lost it on account of the disturbed condition of the country in consequence of the rebellion. In every such case the money was lost at the Budd Creek fight, occurring on the night of the 25th of December, 1861, while the claimant was endeavoring to escape from the rebel forces then overrunning the Seminole country.

These loyal Indians had successfully beaten the rebels in two previous fights, but on the 25th of December they were surprised in camp and many massacred, and lost all their effects. We are of opinion that the claimants are entitled to include said item in their bill of losses, as much so as if the loss had been in cattle, especially so when we consider that their best efforts were exhausted to prevent its loss.

Our investigations were thorough in each case, especially as regarded the amounts and the estimates of prices therefor; we obtained reliable information from disinterested persons of prices ruling the market in the Seminole country at the breaking out of the war, and in our awards governed ourselves accordingly. We are satisfied that the prices allowed the claimants are reasonable and just, certainly not too high.

We held our sessions as a board from day to day, and neither commissioner transacted any business in the absence of the other. We received much valuable assistance in our investigations from the chief, John Chupco, and the headmen of the various bands; also from Robert Johnson, interpreter.

In our expenditures for expenses we were as economical as circumstances would allow, and feel warranted in saying that we incurred no bills, chargeable to the Government, except such as were necessary to the proper discharge of our duties.

During our labors we examined and determined 340 claims, amounting in the aggregate to \$213,915.95.

Respectfully submitted.

J. TYLER POWELL,
J. W. CALDWELL,
Commissioners.

Hon. O. H. BROWNING,
Secretary of the Interior.

List of claims of loyal Seminole Indians adjudged and determined by J. Tyler Powell and J. W. Caldwell, commissioners appointed under the provisions of the treaty of March 21, 1866.

No:		Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
MANWELL BAND.			
1	Manwell (\$922.50)	\$1,637.50	\$912.50
2	Susie Manwell	442.50	327.50
3	Wolf	833.25	633.35
4	Hoke tee	532.00	532.00
5	Leat Kah	1,752.00	1,572.00
6	Joseph Buck	692.00	567.00
7	Chis e harjo	826.00	826.00
8	Wat Ke a ho la	629.00	629.00
9	Hally	177.40	177.40
10	Tal wa fixico	721.00	721.00
11	Os lot Ka	469.25	469.25
12	Tlah wee	630.00	630.00
13	Tes wo lee (To no leo)	404.50	404.50
14	Lop Kah	520.00	520.00
15	James McKane	400.50	400.50
16	Jenny	530.00	530.00
17	Lee nah	301.35	301.35
18	Thle po tsee	168.65	168.65
19	Hannah	313.00	313.00
20	Ya ha fixico	1,140.00	1,140.00
21	So wa le tah (Sa wa le tah)	825.75	825.75

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List of claims of loyal Seminole Indians, etc.—Continued.

No.		Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
MANWELL BAND—continued.			
22	Tomy	\$358.00	\$358.00
68	Louisa	871.00	871.00
295	Loo neo	375.25	385.25
333	Rose	237.50	237.50
336	Son o chee	160.00	160.00
	Total	15,947.40	14,602.40
FOOS HOTSCHÉ BAND.			
23	Foos hotsche (Foos hatsche)	1,476.00	1,363.00
24	Hi ma ma	964.00	899.00
25	Ah pa yucke harjo	510.00	510.00
26	E ne ah fixico	613.00	613.00
27	Cho fo lup fixico	192.50	192.50
28	Sallie	555.50	555.50
29	Polly	951.50	951.50
144	Ko nip harjo	410.00	410.00
147	O ha lie	647.00	647.00
150	Lizzie	761.25	761.25
151	So Kee	228.75	228.65
152	Chit to harjo	1,289.00	1,289.00
153	Pow hos harjo	147.00	147.00
154	Po to Kee	275.75	275.75
155	Sock to Koth Ko	61.25	61.25
281	Sel lin ta (Sil lin tee)	278.00	278.00
146	Te tee	252.00	252.00
	Total	9,612.50	9,434.50
POW HOS FIXICO BAND.			
30	Pow hos fixico	660.00	660.00
31	No Koos o ly	438.50	438.50
32	Cho fixico	318.50	318.50
33	So see	1,230.00	1,040.00
34	Cho harjo gee	537.75	537.75
35	Thlo my	223.00	223.00
36	Toek Koos ah fixico	1,425.50	1,425.50
37	Suck Kah Kee	277.25	277.25
38	Sa hi chee	2,204.00	2,204.00
39	See ly	206.50	206.50
40	Mo ah chah e Ky	789.40	789.40
41	My mee	1,002.95	1,002.95
42	Foos e Kah (\$263)	260.00	260.00
43	Chah ly	403.50	403.50
44	Ka botch che a ho la (Ka bitch chi a ho la)	274.00	274.00
45	Ho tel Kay fixico	277.25	277.25
46	Cho chee lee	273.25	273.25
47	Con chot harjo	780.25	780.25
48	No Koos se marthlo gee	111.50	111.50
49	Kee by ah (Ke hy ah)	120.00	120.00
142	No Koos fixico	104.00	104.00
143	Sy a mah chee	184.25	184.25
145	Hee Kee	342.50	342.50
210	John o gee	1,031.00	1,031.00
	Total	13,474.85	13,284.85
PAS COFA BAND.			
50	Pas cofa	4,898.25	4,726.00
51	Latch ti cha (Mrs. Lucy Brown)	5,096.00	5,096.00
52	Fanny	581.75	581.75
53	Jenny	729.50	729.50
54	Oke tus ho e tah	510.20	510.20
55	Mus see lee nah	987.00	987.00
56	In Kee pah	181.75	181.75
57	Milly	631.75	631.75
58	Cho la fixico	1,922.75	1,922.75
59	Oke fus Kee (\$672.50)	682.50	682.50
60	Pol him i Kah (hun)	588.50	588.50
61	Con pit sa fixico (fit)	332.25	332.25
62	Me tho li Kee	55.50	55.50
63	Ho po thle and Su Kee (pi)	279.50	279.50
64	Ta se Ky e harjo	266.25	266.25
65	Pon o cho gee	473.50	473.50
66	Oke ti oc si harjo	872.75	872.75
67	Suth lo harjo	723.50	723.50
	Total	19,803.20	19,630.95

List of claims of loyal Seminole Indians, etc.—Continued.

No.		Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
KO A HARJO BAND.			
69	Ko a harjo.....	\$1,199.50	\$1,199.50
70	Telemassee.....	2,082.50	2,082.50
71	Mos ho he (Mis ho he).....	1,948.60	1,948.60
72	Suck Koos Ky.....	350.75	350.75
73	I lo gee (Is lo gee).....	244.75	244.75
74	Lucy lah ny.....	1,461.25	1,461.25
75	E pus see.....	342.25	342.25
76	Un thla ho way (may).....	707.00	707.00
77	William Graham (Billy).....	1,991.25	1,991.25
78	So fa chi e Kee.....	1,118.75	1,118.75
79	Samy.....	1,658.75	1,658.75
80	Mary.....	1,453.60	1,453.60
81	Hannah.....	368.00	368.00
82	Nelly.....	1,433.75	1,433.75
83	La pa gee.....	780.25	780.25
84	Os son wah.....	622.20	622.20
85	Kin Ke he.....	1,279.50	1,279.50
86	Sim e ah Kee.....	494.00	494.00
87	Chut ta Kee.....	292.50	292.50
90	Fuch ho ye.....	344.00	344.00
148	Al thla hi e gee.....	947.00	947.00
149	Mon ah (Min ah).....	523.80	523.80
267	Teth thle ho Kahi (Fith).....	1,096.00	1,096.00
270	Mop pe he (Mup).....	638.75	638.75
284	Mc chi ly.....	1,539.50	1,539.50
260	Cho harjo.....	2,107.00	2,107.00
	Total.....	27,025.20	27,025.20
FOOS HARJO BAND.			
88	Wak se ah ho lah.....	455.00	455.00
89	Ah ha lock harjo.....	253.50	253.50
91	Ox son wah.....	247.00	247.00
92	Pa ho see.....	552.50	552.50
93	Ka see (Koe see).....	491.50	491.50
94	Pon Killy.....	534.00	534.00
95	Cho ny.....	662.00	662.00
96	Hol pah du (Hol pa deo).....	383.00	383.00
97	Yah ho chee (\$370).....	360.00	360.00
98	Ily.....	619.00	619.00
99	Fos e a ho la.....	370.50	370.50
100	Eliza.....	1,302.50	1,302.50
101	Chit to fixico.....	310.50	310.50
102	Chock ful lee Kah.....	736.50	736.50
103	Se me to.....	436.50	436.50
104	So lah he ye.....	555.00	555.00
105	See lee ohee.....	487.50	487.50
106	Is tee com ee.....	128.00	128.00
107	Sally.....	347.00	347.00
108	Hoke to thloc co gee.....	352.50	352.50
109	Mil le ah.....	600.00	600.00
110	Ah ha lock e marthlo gee.....	558.00	558.00
111	Kot che la ny.....	383.00	383.00
112	Ma ka ho kee (ha).....	613.50	613.50
113	Go gee (Geo gee).....	141.75	141.75
114	Thla ho my he.....	374.50	374.50
115	Pa ho se marthlo gee.....	519.25	519.25
116	So mol lee chee.....	97.50	97.50
117	Hoke to luster (Luster).....	186.25	186.25
118	So fo lo gee.....	592.25	592.25
128	Foos harjo.....	5,375.25	5,375.25
184	U fol o gee.....	389.25	389.25
	Total.....	19,414.50	19,414.50
CHO FIXICO BAND.			
119	Billy.....	506.50	506.50
120	Ho lo to marthlo.....	217.75	217.75
121	Wak se harjo gee.....	342.50	342.50
122	Dolly.....	513.50	513.50
123	Ah lock harjo gee.....	514.00	514.00
125	Hoke to lock thlo gee.....	883.25	883.25
126	Ah ha lock e a ho la.....	233.75	233.75
127	Sim mon dah he ly.....	270.50	270.50
128	No koos fee gee (koss).....	658.25	658.25
129	Ko oc ko gee.....	148.50	148.50
130	Ah we lick ee.....	666.50	666.50
131	Top pee chee.....	182.25	182.25

List of claims of loyal Seminole Indians, etc.—Continued.

No.		Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
CHO FIXICO BAND—continued.			
132	Milly	\$256.00	\$256.00
133	Mon ah	392.50	392.50
134	My lee	173.25	173.25
135	Cho harjo gee	887.00	887.00
136	Dy see	692.00	692.00
137	William ce	349.00	349.00
138	Lec coffee	460.00	460.00
139	Fanny	251.25	251.25
140	Cho fixico	2,247.25	2,247.25
141	Meely	631.75	631.75
	Total	11,477.25	11,477.25
AH HA LOCK FIXICO BAND.			
156	Hal but a harjo (Hul but a harjo)	2,017.25	2,017.25
157	Ge Kop pee	881.00	881.00
158	Ya ho gee (cec)	986.00	986.00
159	Le coffee (coffer)	967.00	967.00
160	Ya ha fixico	147.50	147.50
161	Chit to harjo	977.90	977.90
162	Che pon ny	2,167.00	2,167.00
163	Ily	542.00	542.00
164	O san a fixico	338.25	338.25
165	Hol pod a fixico	257.00	257.00
166	La te eya ho la (Lo le eya ho la)	185.50	185.50
167	Tal wa tus ton nock kee (Tol na)	1,389.80	1,389.80
168	Is cha swa	724.50	724.50
169	Ke cha chee	575.50	575.50
170	Tin he la pee (le)	524.25	524.25
171	Ly ly	906.25	906.25
172	Yoke fo la (fa)	980.00	980.00
175	O tui Ko gee	385.75	385.75
176	Ah ha lock Ko gee	274.50	274.50
177	Ah ha lock fixico	1,609.50	1,609.50
178	Ah foos ah ne ah	1,134.00	1,134.00
179	Pee chee	106.50	106.50
180	Is lit Ka (In)	358.00	358.00
181	So fi ya tee	740.75	740.75
182	Is pon e harjo (fon)	1,054.50	1,054.50
183	To ko gee	279.50	279.50
185	So nock ya ho la	783.00	783.00
186	Ah harjo	187.00	187.00
187	Lo so gee	527.25	527.25
188	Co se harjo	420.25	420.25
189	Sa Ka thle Kee	393.00	393.00
190	Me lo a Kee	324.25	324.25
191	Chit tec eya ho la	1,030.25	1,030.25
192	E Kus Harjo	697.00	697.00
193	Jony (Johny)	1,203.50	1,203.50
220	Ca cha chupco	107.00	107.00
221	Ah thle by	390.25	390.25
222	Nal le gee (no)	155.75	155.75
223	Ke sa gee harjo	493.00	493.00
236	Cho was ta e chupco	1,432.00	1,432.00
237	Me te dock ee (to)	536.75	536.75
331	Te Ka che	102.50	102.50
334	Ma lee	553.50	553.50
337	Jo Ka	738.00	738.00
338	Ah ha lock Kee	365.50	365.50
339	See ho to see	356.00	356.00
	Total	31,305.45	31,305.45
NUTH KO BUCK NY BAND.			
194	Ah thlan harjo (Hal)	871.75	871.75
195	Bay nec	458.50	458.50
196	Milly	612.50	612.50
197	Fonnock ee	926.75	926.75
198	Fus ton nuck harjo	558.50	558.50
199	Hoke thlo to yeah (po)	577.25	577.25
200	Cho we a ho la	786.50	786.50
201	No Koos Ko chuck ney	125.50	125.50
202	Kissie	209.50	209.50
203	Mil he	640.25	640.25
204	Jah Ko by (Joh)	620.00	620.00
205	Cot chee harjo (chea)	1,079.00	1,079.00
206	Foos harjo	325.25	325.25
207	U pock ela tay gee	730.00	730.00

List of claims of loyal Seminole Indians, etc.—Continued.

No.		Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
NUTH KO BUCK NY BAND—continued.			
208	Sitty	\$342. 10	\$342. 10
209	Nuth Ko buck ny.....	1, 833. 25	1, 833. 25
211	So me chee	349. 00	349. 00
214	Mic co harjo	997. 75	997. 75
215	To Kah lo gee.....	376. 75	376. 75
216	No Koos harjo	574. 00	574. 00
217	Polly	472. 50	472. 50
218	Pi e harjo	687. 00	687. 00
219	In la tay gee (lay).....	576. 75	576. 75
265	So ho tay gee.....	831. 50	831. 50
266	Che na see	705. 00	705. 00
332	Ho la to chupco.....	296. 00	296. 00
335	Mat chi he	309. 50	309. 50
	Total	16, 872. 85	16, 872. 85
JOHN CHUPCA BAND.			
173	Nancy	625. 80	625. 60
174	Nelly	112. 00	112. 00
212	Nuth cup harjo.....	875. 00	875. 00
213	Ne hy he ho la.....	616. 00	616. 00
224	John Chupco	2, 423. 00	1, 873. 00
225	Lina	457. 00	457. 00
226	Mah Ko yi kee	1, 035. 50	1, 035. 50
227	Po hy e kee.....	233. 75	233. 75
228	Thly he ho thla kee	529. 50	529. 50
229	Oc to octo gee (ti).....	371. 00	371. 00
230	Billy	131. 00	131. 00
231	Das ho kee (Dos)	606. 50	606. 50
232	Le son ee	264. 50	264. 50
233	Ma tuth ho kee (Mu).....	600. 50	600. 50
234	Al ho la ko gee (ka).....	774. 00	774. 00
235	Kone he	124. 00	124. 00
238	Klee harjo.....	550. 00	550. 00
239	Ka bitch Ko gee	368. 25	368. 25
240	Ko e harjo.....	210. 25	210. 25
241	Noke fy harjo	424. 00	424. 00
242	Oc san harjo (sun).....	436. 00	436. 00
243	Oke la thle	377. 00	377. 00
244	Nah po e chee (Nah).....	278. 00	278. 00
245	Ta yo chee (yi).....	377. 00	377. 00
246	Al ha lock ee	340. 50	340. 50
247	William	2, 846. 50	2, 846. 50
248	Fi ho Kah.....	1, 282. 00	1, 282. 00
249	Fon nock ee	921. 50	921. 50
250	Mary	489. 50	489. 50
251	Al ha le marthla.....	839. 50	839. 50
252	Sarah	208. 00	208. 00
253	Nip Kah	421. 50	421. 50
254	As son harjo	104. 00	104. 00
255	Sally	285. 50	285. 50
256	Kah pee ho Kee	55. 00	55. 00
257	E to gee	414. 50	414. 50
258	Fus fon unck harjo	254. 00	254. 00
259	Yah no see (na).....	190. 50	190. 50
261	Te y e cha che	488. 25	488. 25
262	Thla set tee (sut).....	300. 50	300. 50
263	Son nock harjo gee (So mock harjo yee).....	1, 233. 75	1, 233. 75
264	Cesar	114. 00	114. 00
340	Louisa	148. 50	148. 50
	Total	23, 737. 05	23, 187. 05
JIM LANE BAND.			
268	Robert Johnson	885. 00	885. 00
269	Thomas Payne	512. 25	512. 25
271	Lottie Sandy	387. 50	387. 50
272	Joseph Barkus	629. 50	629. 50
273	John Cudjo	581. 75	581. 75
274	Sancho Bruner	422. 50	422. 50
275	Thomas Foster	642. 00	642. 00
276	Dennis Primus.....	344. 00	344. 00
277	Monday Dindly	427. 50	427. 50
278	Mollie Lottie.....	363. 00	363. 00
279	Scipio Davis	421. 00	421. 00
280	Rebecca Payne	1, 173. 75	1, 173. 75
282	Abram Payne.....	1, 087. 00	1, 087. 00
283	Washington Abraham	264. 00	264. 00
285	Cesar Bruner	732. 50	732. 50

LOYAL SEMINOLE INDIANS.

List of claims of loyal Seminole Indians, etc.—Continued.

No.		Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
JIM LANE BAND—continued.			
286	Calina Payne.....	\$206.75	\$206.75
287	Rachel Abraham.....	852.50	852.50
288	Pheby Billy.....	120.50	120.50
289	Betsy Miller.....	173.75	173.75
290	John Bruner.....	659.75	659.75
291	Ben Bruner.....	1,322.00	1,322.00
292	Affy Bruner.....	840.45	840.45
293	Edward Abraham.....	112.00	112.00
314	Fay Cully.....	219.00	219.00
318	Cathrine Payne.....	545.50	545.50
319	Mary Tecumseh.....	140.50	140.50
320	Pompy.....	476.50	476.50
330	Jane Mungo.....	144.00	144.00
	Total.....	14,686.45	14,686.45
JOHN BROWN BAND.			
294	Ned Cudjo.....	672.75	672.75
296	William Bowlegs.....	612.00	612.00
297	Dick Bowlegs.....	562.00	562.00
298	Jacob Bowlegs.....	710.00	710.00
299	Hagar Bowlegs.....	333.75	333.75
300	Cyrus Bowlegs.....	406.50	406.50
301	Dolly Bowlegs (a).....	76.00	76.00
302	Hattie Charles.....	121.00	121.00
303	Jessie Bowlegs.....	493.50	493.50
304	Nancy Poldo.....	414.00	414.00
305	Scipio Noble.....	567.50	567.50
306	Davy Dilly.....	284.50	284.50
307	Jack Shortman.....	541.25	541.25
308	William Noble.....	387.00	387.00
309	Tony Bowlegs.....	171.00	171.00
310	Jacob Davis.....	514.00	514.00
311	John Bowl.....	523.50	523.50
312	Daily Davis.....	644.00	644.00
313	Bob Davis.....	294.50	294.50
315	Maria Bowlegs.....	284.00	284.00
316	Lucy Noble (\$450.75).....	460.75	460.75
317	John Stepney.....	299.75	299.75
321	Thomas Noble.....	226.75	226.75
322	Sam Cudjo.....	475.00	475.00
323	Johnson Bowlegs.....	138.00	138.00
324	Mollie Bowlegs.....	277.50	277.50
325	Polly Sayers.....	309.00	309.00
326	Swamp William Bowlegs.....	575.00	575.00
327	Philip Sayers.....	500.00	500.00
328	Adoca Coady (\$322).....	362.00	362.00
329	Jim Bowlegs.....	758.00	758.00
	Total.....	12,994.50	12,994.50
SUMMARY.			
	Manwell Band.....	15,947.40	14,602.40
	Foos Hotsche Band.....	9,612.50	9,434.50
	Pow hos fixico Band.....	13,474.85	13,284.85
	Pas cofa Band.....	19,803.20	19,630.95
	Ko a harjo Band.....	27,025.20	27,025.20
	Foos harjo Band.....	19,414.50	19,414.50
	Cho fixico Band.....	11,477.25	11,477.25
	Ah ha lock fixico Band.....	31,305.45	31,305.45
	Nuth ko buck ny Band.....	16,872.85	16,872.85
	John Chupeo Band.....	23,737.05	23,187.05
	Jim Lane Band.....	14,686.45	14,686.45
	John Brown Band.....	12,994.50	12,994.50
	Total (\$213,888.95).....	216,351.20	213,915.95
		213,915.95	
		2,435.25	

After correcting clerical errors the actual amount is \$213,888.95.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 21, 1899.

SIR: The amendment to H. R. 11217, which was referred by you on the 13th instant to this Department with request for a report thereon, was transmitted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for report and recommendation. Said amendment is as follows:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized to pay the awards made to the loyal Seminole Indians, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, as per article four of the treaty of March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and paragraph fourteen of the agreement of December sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven; and the sum of one hundred and sixty-three thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight dollars and ninety-five cents is hereby appropriated for the purpose: *Provided*, That if any of the said loyal Seminoles whose names are on the rolls, as made up in pursuance of the said treaty of eighteen hundred and sixty-six, shall have died, then the amount due such deceased persons, respectively, shall be paid to their legal heirs."

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs states that in accordance with requirements of the fourth article of the treaty with the Seminoles of March 26, 1856, a commission was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to ascertain and determine the amounts due loyal Seminoles for losses sustained during the civil war; that said commission reported the aggregate claims filed with it amounted to \$216,351.20; the amount allowed on said claims amounted to \$213,888.95; the amount paid thereon pro rata was \$50,000, leaving an unpaid balance of \$163,888.95.

He invites attention to the report of the commission and the list of awards made to the loyal Seminoles, copies of which were submitted by the Department under date of the 20th instant, and he recommends that "the proposed amendment receive approval by the Department and the United States Senate."

The recommendation of the Commissioner is concurred in by the Department, and a copy of said report is inclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. R. F. PETTIGREW,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 23, 1899.

SIR: Referring to your letter of the 18th instant, in which you state, "In addition to the statements contained in your communication of the 20th of January last (Senate Doc. No. 72), herewith inclosed, I [you] would like, for the information of the Committee on Indian Affairs, all the information in your possession pertaining to the loyal Seminole claims," which was duly referred to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for consideration and immediate report, you are advised that the Department is now in receipt of said report, which states: "All the information in possession of this [Indian] office regarding said claims is contained in office letter of the 19th ultimo, addressed to you (copy herewith), and in the document referred to above. The claims, numbering 329, are on file in this [Indian] office, and in each case the property lost is described, with the value of each item shown, accompanied by testimony of claims and witnesses taken by the commissioners."

I am informally advised that it would require a longer time than the present session of Congress will continue to make copies of said claims and the testimony of the witnesses taken in each case. Copies of the reports of the Commissioner, dated January 19, 1899, and February 21, 1899, are inclosed herewith.

The Department has no other information except that designated by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Respectfully,

ETHAN A. HITCHCOCK,
Secretary.

Hon. R. F. PETTIGREW,
Chairman of Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, January 19, 1899.

SIR: I am in receipt, by your reference of the 13th instant, for consideration, report, and recommendation, of H. R. 11217, by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, of an amendment intended to be proposed to the bill (H. R. 11217)

making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, etc., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, as follows:

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized to pay the awards made to the loyal Seminole Indians, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, as per article four of the treaty of March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and paragraph fourteen of the agreement of December sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven; and the sum of one hundred and sixty-three thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight dollars and ninety-five cents is hereby appropriated for the purpose: *Provided*, That if any of the said loyal Seminoles whose names are on the rolls, as made in pursuance of the said treaty of eighteen hundred and sixty-six, shall have died, then the amount due such deceased persons, respectively, shall be paid to their legal heirs."

In compliance with the request for report, I have the honor to state that in accordance with the requirements of the fourth article of the treaty with the Seminoles of March 21, 1866, a commission was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to ascertain and determine the amounts due loyal Seminoles for losses sustained during the civil war.

Under the treaty named a commission was appointed, which commission, under date of November 26, 1867, reported to the Department that the aggregate of claims filed with the commission amounted to \$216,351.20; that the amount allowed on said claim by the said commission amounted to \$213,888.95. The amount paid thereon, pro rata, was \$50,000, leaving an unpaid balance of \$163,888.95.

Attention is invited to the report of the commission and the list of awards made to the loyal Seminoles, submitted to the Senate in response to Senate resolution of the 17th instant, by report of the 19th instant, and recommendation is made that the proposed amendment receive the approval of the Department and of the United States Senate.

The proposed amendment is respectfully returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

W. A. JONES, *Commissioner*.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, February 21, 1899.

SIR: I am in receipt, by your reference of the 20th instant for immediate report, of a letter from Hon. R. F. Pettigrew, dated the 18th instant, asking for all information in the possession of the Department pertaining to the loyal Seminole claims, in addition to the statements contained in Department communication of the 20th of January last, shown in Senate Document No. 72.

In reply I have the honor to state that all the information in the possession of this office regarding said claims is contained in office letter of the 19th ultimo, addressed to you (copy herewith), and in the document referred to above. The claims numbering 329, are on file in this office, and in each case the property lost is described, with the value of each item shown, accompanied by testimony of claimants and witnesses taken by the Commissioner.

The letter is respectfully returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

A. C. TONNER, *Acting Commissioner*.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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