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CHARLES CASSEDY,

MAY 7, 1830.

MR. WHITTLESEY, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Charles Cassedy, report:

That it appears the petitioner was employed as a Secretary and Clerk to General John Coffee, a Commissioner of the United States, appointed for ascertaining the boundary lines of the cession made to the said States by the Creek nation of Indians, in August, 1814; and that he served in said capacities for eighty two days. It appears by an extract of a letter from Gen. Coffee to the Comptroller, dated the 28th of August, 1818, that the services of Mr. Cassedy were not only important, but that, without the assistance of some person, it would have been impossible for the Commission to have examined, interpreted, and recorded the evidence of the Indian testimony on the subject for which the Commission was constituted. The account of Mr. Cassedy being for eighty-two days, at five dollars per day, amounting to four hundred and ten dollars, was disallowed by Mr. Graham, acting Secretary of War, because there was no law authorizing the payment. General Coffee seems to have entertained the opinion, that these services would be paid for out of the contingent fund appropriated for Indian purposes. The committee have not investigated the law or the subject, but the first impressions are, that they might, with propriety, have been charged on this fund; however this may be, it is fully proven that the services were rendered, that they were necessary, and it is the opinion of the committee that the charge made is reasonable. The account is certified, by General Coffee, to be correct, and it appears, from the statement of the Second Auditor, that it has not been paid. The committee refer to the several documents obtained from the Secretary of War, under a call of the House, and report a bill.