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ERECTION OF A MONUMENT AT GREENVILLE, OHIO.

MARCH 20, 1896.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

MR. CUMMINGS, from the Committee on the Library, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 1438.]

The Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1438) for the erection of a monument at Greenville, Ohio, to commemorate the treaty of peace made on the 3d day of August, 1795, at Fort Greenville (built on the site of said Greenville, Ohio), by Gen. Anthony Wayne, on behalf of the United States, and various Indian tribes occupying the territory northwest of the Ohio River, and to perpetuate the memory of General Wayne and his gallant army, after having carefully considered the same, respectfully report back the bill as amended.

Gen. Anthony Wayne was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, and of the Indian wars on the frontier that followed the war of the Revolution. The history of "Mad Anthony Wayne" is familiar to all. The nation has never recognized his services in any formal manner, by monument or otherwise.

Greenville, the county seat of Darke County, Ohio, is in the western part of the State, about halfway between the Ohio River on the south and Lake Erie on the north, and nearly on the line of the Miami and Maumee rivers, the one running south and the other north, between these two points.

Here, in 1793-94, during his operations against the many Indian tribes of the territory northwest of the Ohio, General Wayne built a strong fort named Fort Greenville. It was used by him and his army as a base of operations. After completing his victories over the Indians by the decisive battle of the Fallen Timbers on the 20th of August, 1794, he returned to Fort Greenville and began to negotiate terms of peace with the many Indian tribes.

Here, on August 3, 1795, after many weeks and months of patient consultation and negotiations, General Wayne concluded a treaty of peace with the Indians of the Northwest. It has ever since been known in history as the "Treaty of Greenville."

The total number of Indians participating in the negotiations were 1,130, viz:

Wyandots	180
Delawares	381
Shawnees	143
Ottawas	45
Chippewas	46
Pottawatomies	240
Miami and Eel River Indians	73
Weas and Piankeshaws	12
Kickapoos and Kankaskias	10

The principal chiefs were Tarhe, Buckengehelas, Blackhoof, Blue Jacket, and Little Turtle.

This treaty at Fort Greenville marks an era in our history. There was no further trouble with the savages of the Northwest, until just before the breaking out of the war of 1812. The treaty gave an immense impetus to immigration in all that region. The country Northwest of the Ohio River was rapidly filled with a hardy population. It laid the foundation of the great West and Northwest of to-day.

In recognition of General Wayne and his many distinguished services in behalf of his country and of the national importance of the Greenville treaty, and to perpetuate the same, your committee recommend the erection of a suitable monument on the site of the old fort within the limits of the city of Greenville. It is the most appropriate place for it. The patriotic citizens of the city propose to procure and donate a suitable lot or park of ground for the purpose, without cost to the Government.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the bill do pass, with the following amendment:

Strike out the following words in lines 20 and 21, "at, or as near as may be, the site of said treaty."

