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HENRY GRATIOT—ADMINISTRATORS OF.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 889.]

JULY 7, 1838.

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

REPORT:

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Susan Gratiot, administratrix, and of Charles H. Gratiot, administrator of Henry Gratiot, late of Iowa county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, report :

The petitioners represent that, in the years 1831 and 1832, said Henry Gratiot was sub-agent for the Winnebago Indians on the waters of Rock river, and that he continued to act as such until those Indians were removed to the north of the Wisconsin river in 1833; that during the difficulties with the Sac and Fox Indians, in the spring of 1831, he performed, by order of Major General Gaines, of the United States army, then commanding at Rock island, extra services, not required by his duties as sub-agent.

The petitioners further state that, in the year 1832, when the difficulties with the Sacs and Foxes were renewed, the said Henry Gratiot performed, by order of Brigadier General Atkinson, of the United States army, other extra services; that these services consisted in travelling from place to place, to restrain the disaffected of the Winnebagoes, to quiet the minds of the restless, to incline the wavering to the side of peace, and gain information of the intentions and movements of the hostile Sacs and Foxes, and in redeeming from them two females taken captives; that, during one of these excursions, the said Henry Gratiot was taken prisoner by a party of the enemy, and, but for the interference of the Winnebagoes, would have probably been murdered, and that, to accomplish his redemption, he was obliged to make presents to the Winnebagoes.

The charge for extra services in 1831 amounts to \$150, of which \$75 is for fifteen days' service at \$5 a day, and the balance for provisions furnished the Indians during the time. The charge in 1832 amounts to \$1,500, of which \$500 is for services from the 16th of April to the 25th of July, inclusive, at \$5 a day, and the balance (\$1,000) was paid to the Indians for his redemption from captivity.

