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D. W. BOUTWELL.

FEBRUARY 4, 1896.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILSON, of Ohio, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 1773.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1773) for the relief of D. W. Boutwell, submit the following report:

This claim is for 20 cords of wood furnished the Army of the United States in 1862, and for services as a scout during the late war. Claim stated at \$462.

The testimony filed in support of the bill shows that D. W. Boutwell served as a scout for the United States Army from June 22, 1862, to the 8th day of October, 1862, for which service duplicate vouchers were issued to him by Lieut. Col. D. B. Corwin, commanding Second Indian Home Guards, for \$262, as evidence of the amount due from the United States Government for said services.

Claimant cut 20 cords of wood for the Army in January, 1862, for which duplicate vouchers were issued by Dr. A. J. Hunton, assistant surgeon, Fifth Regiment Volunteer Cavalry, for \$10.

It appears that these vouchers have never been paid to said Boutwell. The vouchers above referred to were placed in the hands of Hon. Thomas Ryan, then a Member of Congress from the State of Kansas, for presentation to the War Department, who says that the same, with other papers, were presented with the bill and were lost or mislaid.

Claims for pay as scouts and guides, extra-duty pay, etc., are filed under section 1287, Revised Statutes, as amended by the act of July 5, 1884 (23 Stat. L., p. 110).

Under the Army Regulations of 1861 (paragraph 1065), the expenses of hiring "scouts, escorts, interpreters, spies and guides," is properly payable by the Quartermaster's Department, from the annual appropriation for "incidental expenses, Quartermaster's Department."

This claim was not presented to the War Department for adjudication, through no fault of the claimant, as his vouchers were given to Hon. Thomas Ryan for presentation to that Department and were lost by Mr. Ryan.

Your committee, in view of the foregoing statement of facts, report back the bill and recommend its passage with the following amendment: In lines 5 and 6 strike out "four hundred and sixty-two" and insert in lieu thereof "two hundred and seventy-two."