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PAY GUARD TO EMIGRATING INDIANS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 314.]

JANUARY 8, 1838.

Laid before the House by the chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
December 15, 1838.

SIR: I have the honor to request the consideration and action of the Committee on Military Affairs upon the accompanying report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on the subject of the pay of a guard employed in accompanying a party of emigrating Cherokees from Bellefonte to Waterloo, in Alabama.

Very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

J. R. POINSETT.

HON. JAMES J. MCKAY,
*Chairman Committee on Military Affairs,
House of Representatives.*

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Office Indian Affairs, December 13, 1838.

SIR: During the emigration of the Cherokees, a party under the direction of Captain G. S. Drane, United States army, became restive and refractory, and it was thought necessary to employ a guard. For this purpose a small company of volunteers, consisting of one captain, one lieutenant, one ensign, one quartermaster, and twenty six non-commissioned officers and privates were mustered into the service of the United States by Captain Drane, on the advice of General N. Smith, the superintendent. This company, constituting a guard, accompanied the emigrating party from Bellefonte to Waterloo, in Alabama, and were exceedingly useful in preventing depredations, disorder, and desertion. The report of Captain Drane is satisfactory on this subject; and General Scott, who had no authority to provide for their pay, recommends an adjustment of it. You were also of opinion they should be paid, provided it was warranted by law.

This small corps, however useful and efficient, I am of opinion came into the service illegally, and cannot be paid except by act of Congress. They are clearly entitled to be compensated, after the usual rate, for their valuable services; these, I am informed at the Paymaster General's office, would amount to eleven hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifty seven cents, for one month from 27th June last—the period during which they were en-

gaged on United States duty. I respectfully recommend that Congress be requested to make the necessary appropriation.

I am, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

T. HARTLEY CRAWFORD.

Hon. J. R. POINSETT,
Secretary of War.

I send, herewith, the pay-roll, furnished by the Paymaster General.

T. H. C.

April 4, 1861

Payroll

WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, 12, 1861

I have the honor to report the constitution and action of the... on Military Affairs upon the accompanying report of the Com-... of Indian Affairs on the subject of the pay of a band employed... a company of volunteers from the State of Alabama to West-... of Alabama...

Very respectfully,
J. R. POINSETT,
Hon. J. R. Poinsett,
Chairman Committee on Military Affairs,
House of Representatives.

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office Indian Affairs, December 12, 1861

During the migration of the Cherokees, a party under the dis-... of Captain G. S. Lewis, United States Army, became restless and re-... and it was thought necessary to employ a guard. For this pur-... a small company of volunteers, consisting of the captain, one hundred... and twenty six, not commissioned off-... were enlisted into the service of the United States by... on the advice of General N. Smith, the superintendent... a guard, accompanied the emigrating party... to Westward, in Alabama, and were exceedingly useful in... discipline, cheerfulness, and devotion. The report of Captain... on this subject; and General Scott, who had no an-... for their pay, recommending an adjustment of it. You... should be paid, provided it was warranted by law... and efficient. I am of opinion that it is... The small corps however rested and efficient. They... and cannot be paid except by act of Congress. They... to be compensated also for the same, for their services... I am informed at the Paymaster General's office, that an amount of eleven hundred and twenty six dollars and fifty seven cents, for... the period during which they were en-

Very truly yours,