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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 25, 1852.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DOWNS made the following

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill S. No. 386.]

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred Senate bill 386, for the relief of Leonard Dyson, assignee of Edward McLaughlin, or his legal representatives, report :

That this claim was reported on favorably in 1824, but excluded from the confirmatory act of Congress because it was supposed to be situated within the Rio Hondo claim or reservation for the Caddo Indians. That afterwards the same claim was presented in the name of John McLaughlin and confirmed by the act of Congress of 6th July, 1842, or No. 162. The object of this bill is to place the two claimants on an equal footing, by issuing a title of equal ground to each, so that their respective claims may be decided by the judicial tribunals of the country. As it is now ascertained that the claim is not situated in the Rio Hondo reserve, there is no reason that the reservation made in the first confirmatory act should be continued. The committee accordingly report back the bill removing this reservation and confirming the report, and recommend its passage.