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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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AUGUST 10, 1852.

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Mr. DAWSON made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of the agent of the State of Georgia, asking that the accounting officers of the Treasury Department may be authorized to allow and pay all accounts intended to be provided for by the act of Congress of 11th August, 1842—"Providing for the settlement of the claims of Georgia for the services of her militia, &c., when it shall be made to appear that the State has allowed and paid the same, beg leave to submit the following report:

That Congress by an act passed 11th August, 1842, appropriated the sum of \$175,000 to reimburse the State of Georgia for moneys expended by the State in the suppression of hostilities of the Cherokee, Creek and Seminole Indians in the years 1835, 1836, 1837 and 1838. The State of Georgia, under the provisions of this act, has received the sum of \$149,675 66; that the balance, the sum of \$26,324 34 remains unexpended; that claims amounting to the sum of \$24,351 49, remain unsettled and unpaid. These claims consist of accounts for subsistence, forage, arms of all kinds and munitions of war, transportation, medical stores, medical services, hospital stores, nursing, care and board of the sick and wounded whilst in service or upon their return home; the balance of the pay of mounted infantry, (the State having paid them as cavalry) &c., as also for moneys advanced by the governor of the State to the officers commanding for the subsistence, forage and transportation of their command to the place of rendezvous before being received into the service of the United States.

The committee, upon an examination of the character of these claims, believe that the evidence to authorize the payment of them in conformity with the rules of the accounting officers of the treasury department cannot at this late day be obtained and furnished by the State; that they are equitable and just; that the State advanced and paid the same for the United States, and should be reimbursed; they therefore recommend that the accounting officers of the Treasury Department, whose duty it is to settle the same, be authorized to allow and pay all the following class of claims heretofore suspended and disallowed, upon evidence that the same has been paid by the State, viz: all accounts for forage, subsistence stores, medical stores, medical services, arms of any kind and munitions of war, transportation, hospital stores, nursing, board and attendance upon the sick and wounded while in service and on return home; that the mounted infantry be paid as cavalry, and that for all moneys advanced to officers for the pur-

pose of procuring subsistence, forage, transportation for their commands before they reached the place of rendezvous and before they were received into the United States service; that the State be allowed the amount necessary to subsist, forage and furnish with transportation and other incidental expenses from the organization until they should reach the place of rendezvous, and prior to their being received into the service of the United States upon an estimate under existing rules, and recommend, that the amendment accompanying this report be incorporated into the army appropriation bill.

And be it further enacted, That in the settlement of the claims of the State of Georgia under the provisions of the act of 11th August, 1842, providing for the settlement of the claims of Georgia for the services of her militia, which have heretofore been suspended or disallowed, the accounting officers of the Treasury Department allow and pay, upon proof that the State has allowed and paid the same, all accounts for forage, subsistence, hospital stores, medical services and transportation, which have not been heretofore allowed by the United States, from the time of enrolment until the time of muster into the service of the United States, and from the time of muster out of said service until they reached the place of enrolment, that for the pay of mounted infantry, the pay of cavalry be allowed, the same to be paid out of the fund appropriated by the act of the 11th August, 1842.