

REPORT

OF

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

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In compliance with a resolution of the Senate calling for a statement of the amount of money received and expended by Luther Blake, late agent for the removal of the Indians from Florida, the objects for which expended, and the number of Indians removed.

MARCH 3, 1854.—Read and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, March 2, 1854.

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, dated 5th January last, requesting a statement of "the amount of public money received and expended by Luther Blake, late agent for the removal of Indians from Florida, as such agent, with the objects for which said money was expended, and the number of Indians removed by him," I have the honor to report:

That on the 19th April, 1851, there was advanced to Luther Blake, special agent, &c., from the treasury, the sum of.....	\$2,000 00
And that he afterwards received the following additional amounts from Captain J. C. Casey, U. S. A., viz: October 20, 1852.....	20,350 00
November 23, 1852.....	39,693 66
Whole amount received by him.....	62,043 66
Of which he subsequently refunded to the treasury the sum of.....	31,633 66
Leaving to be accounted for by him.....	<u>30,410 00</u>

For the information as to the amount expended by him, and for what objects, together with the number of Indians removed, I can only refer to the items in his accounts, as they have not yet been finally adjusted and settled. They are as follows:

For commutation of expenses connected with the preliminary arrangements for the removal of the Indians, as per contract and instructions of April 19, 1851.....	\$10,000 00
Per capita allowance, as per same, for 36 Indians emigrated to the country west, or that died before reaching there,	20,270 00
Expenses of delegation of western Seminoles employed to aid in the emigration of those in Florida.....	12,075 39

Expenses of delegations, consisting of "Billy Bowlegs" and others, from Florida to Washington and New York, and returning.....	\$1,430 90
Per diem and mileage for services and travelling expenses while engaged in the business.....	4,230 00
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Deduct amount in his hands.....	30,410 00
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Leaving a balance claimed by him of.....	17,596 29
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I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
R. McCLELLAND, *Secretary.*

Hon. D. R. ATCHISON,
President of the Senate.