

THAD. BUTLER.

APRIL 20, 1882.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SPAULDING, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 5174.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5174) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle the accounts of Thad. Butler, respectfully reports:

Thad. Butler was special agent of the Indian Office to pay the annuities for the years 1880 and 1881 to the Miamies of Indiana. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs wrote him under date October 14, 1880, "the amount of \$550 is sent you from contingencies, to cover your own salary, incidental expenses, pay of witnesses, &c."

Butler rendered an account for the entire sum, with vouchers, including a voucher for \$215, the amount of his salary. The Second Comptroller of the Treasury disallowed the salary account for the reason "that the appropriation, contingencies Indian Department, 1881, out of which it was paid was not applicable to that purpose."

Butler performed the service and is entitled to be paid his salary, \$215. To enable the Treasury Department to adjust his accounts, it is recommended the bill do pass.

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