

CAPTAIN J. B. CROZIER'S COMPANY OF TENNESSEE
VOLUNTEERS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 555.]

JANUARY 28, 1845.

Mr. J. A. BLACK, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was submitted the petition of William Hogshead and 126 others—praying that Captain John B. Crozier's company of mounted volunteers, which were assembled at Athens, Tennessee, in 1836, under a proclamation of the Governor of that State, to comply with the requisition of the President of the United States, may be compensated for said service—have had the same under consideration, and make the following report :

That it appears that in the year 1836 the President of the United States made a requisition on the Governor of the State of Tennessee, for a number of mounted troops to assemble at Athens, in that State, about the 7th July of the same year, for the purpose of removing the Cherokee Indians, agreeable to treaty with the said tribe. In pursuance of this requisition, the Governor of Tennessee issued his proclamation, inviting volunteer companies to assemble at Athens as aforesaid, without prescribing the number to be made up from each division, brigade, or regiment. The consequence was, (as might have been expected from the gallant Tennesseans,) that twice as many came forward as were needed. Amongst the number was a company commanded by Captain John B. Crozier, who, it is in evidence, marched to the rendezvous, from eighty to one hundred miles. On consulting with Governor Cannon, Captain Crozier despaired of having his company received into service, as it was evident that about one half of all present would have to return home on account of so many more coming forward than were wanted. This was communicated to the company, and they retired home,—paying their own expenses, both in going to and returning from the rendezvous.

It further appears that, a few days after, all the troops at Athens were mustered into service; when all such as were not needed were paid off and discharged without further service. As all others received pay, Captain Crozier's company ask the same, on the principles of justice and equity.

After consideration, the committee think it is due to the officers and privates of said company to pay them, so far as the committee are convinced they served; and for this purpose they report a bill allowing eight days' pay, rations, and forage, which was for going to and returning from the rendezvous; and four days' pay while there—during which time they drew subsistence and forage. Respectfully submitted.