SAMUEL MILLER.

JANUARY 25, 1837.

Read, and, with Senate bill No. 11, committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. E. WHITTLESEY, from the Committee of Claims, to which had been referred the bill from the Senate (No. 11) for the relief of Samuel Miller, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate for the relief of Samuel Miller, report:

That the bill directs that there be paid, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Samuel Miller, one hundred dollars, in full, for services and expenses in apprehending and returning to prison, from whence he had escaped, Chistod, otherwise called Rabbit, an Indian, who was charged with having committed murder.

The petition states that the said Indian was indicted for murder in the United States district court in the northern district of Alabama, and broke jail and made his escape; and that he, at great risk of his life, and with considerable trouble, arrested said Indian and returned him to jail. There was no proof to sustain the allegation that the Indian was confined for an offence against the laws of the United States.

The committee applied to the Hon. Mr. Chapman for information on that point. He states it is within his knowledge that the said Indian was tried in said United States district court, and convicted; that he escaped; that the jailer offered a reward of one hundred dollars. And that the fugitive was arrested and brought back, and safely lodged in jail, is proven by the United States district attorney, and by the jailer.

The committee think, under the circumstances, that the reward was not unreasonable; and it having been offered on the recommendation of the United States district attorney, and the services having been performed under the expectation that the reward would be paid, the committee recommend that said bill do pass.