

OBED P. LACEY.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 625.]

FEBRUARY 12, 1841.

Mr. CALHOUN, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, submitted the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, upon the petition of Obed P. Lacey, report :*

By the third article of the treaty of September 20th, A. D. 1828, with the Pottawatomies, it is provided that a "section of land shall be granted to Madaline Bertrand, wife of Joseph Bertrand," to be located under the direction of the President of the United States. In pursuance of this provision, the agent of the United States, in 1835, located the reservation upon section twelve, township thirty, range seven east; and on the 15th of September, A. D. 1836, said Madaline and Joseph Bertrand conveyed the tract aforesaid, by deed, to Obed P. Lacey; Lacey having been previously informed by the War Department that the location had been made and would be approved. On the 12th day of October, 1835, three of the four quarters of the abovenamed section had been sold, by some mistake or inadvertency, at the public land sales; in consequence of which, the location was removed therefrom, and laid on fractional section twenty-six, township seven south, range seventeen west, in the State of Michigan. An adequate consideration was paid by Lacey for the transfer of the right, title, and interest of said Madaline and Joseph in the reservation.

The petitioner asks that a patent may be issued to him, in his own name, for the fractional section last above named. The committee report a bill for that purpose, upon condition that Lacey shall execute, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, a full relinquishment of all claim he may have, as assignee of Madaline and Joseph Bertrand, to section twelve, township thirty, range seven east.