

ISRAEL JOHNSON.

FEBRUARY 25, 1845.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. FOOT, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Israel Johnson, submit the following report:

The petitioner prefers a claim for hauling baggage and provisions; for entertaining Indians and giving them a public dinner; and for various other services rendered in the year 1833, amounting in the aggregate to \$575. He alleges that the articles were furnished, and services rendered, by order of the Indian agents, General William Marshall and General N. D. Grover; and that the correctness of his accounts was duly certified by the said Marshall. The petitioner further represents, that, at the treaty of 1836, with the Pottawatomies, he had his accounts made out and put into the hands of an attorney for presentation to the Indian agent for payment, and that his accounts and book have been mislaid and lost. In consequence of the death of his attorney shortly after this occurrence, he is unable to prove this latter fact. The petitioner attests the correctness of his statements, under oath, and offers the affidavit of N. D. Grover, Indian sub-agent, sustaining, in general terms, his statements.

The committee are of opinion that, from the character of the services, and the nature of the claim, if the proof be sufficient, the account should be settled and paid by the accounting officers of the government; and that Congress cannot, with propriety, either supply defects in his testimony, or allow his claim on insufficient proof. They therefore report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.