

Report No. 523.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 232.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF ABRAHAM HOGEBOOM,
DECEASED.

APRIL 26, 1848.

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

REPORT:

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Abraham Hogeboom, deceased, having considered the same, report:

That in September, 1845, Abraham Hogeboom was appointed emigrating agent to remove a party of Seneca Indians from Buffalo, in New York, to the Indian territory west. The tribe being divided into emigrating and non-emigrating parties, the agent had much trouble, and was subjected to much annoyance, before the required number could be enrolled for removal. The emigrating party, under the direction of Mr. Hogeboom, embarked from Buffalo in May, 1846, and proceeded by steamboat to Erie; thence to the Ohio river by the Erie and Beaver canal, and thence to St. Louis by steamboat. After the removal was effected, Mr. Hogeboom made out his accounts against the United States, and sent them to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and afterwards to the Second Auditor. These officers rejected a number of items, amounting in all to about \$1,800. In most instances, the disallowance was proper. But in others, the committee are satisfied injustice was done to the agent. Seven vouchers were rejected, amounting to \$512 $\frac{5}{8}$, for moneys actually expended by the agent in making the removal. One of these vouchers includes \$150 paid to Charles M. Reed for detention of boat, caused by the small-pox among the Indians. The whole compensation allowed to the agent was but a little over \$200. Mr. Hogeboom died in October last. Soon after his death, a judgment was entered against his sureties for the balance claimed to be due from him.

The bill proposes an adjustment of his accounts on fair and equitable principles, and that the balance found to be due from him to the United States shall be paid before the claim allowed by this bill. The committee report the bill without amendment.

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AMENDMENTS

REPORT

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to which the bill was referred, has the honor to report the same, together with such amendments as they have thought proper to suggest, and to recommend its passage.

The bill in question, introduced by Mr. [Name], of [State], is entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of [Name], late Agent of the Indian Department, and for the payment of the balance found due to him from the United States."

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