

Report No. 618.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 497.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

E. B. COGSWELL.

MAY 17, 1848.

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

REPORT:

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of E. B. Cogswell, having considered the same, make the following report:

At the time of the annexation of Texas to the United States, there existed a treaty with Indians of Texas, by which an armorer was to be furnished them by the republic of Texas. By the admission of Texas into the Union, the care and supervision of the Indian tribes within her border devolved upon the United States. Her commissioners, Messrs. Butler and Lewis, appointed to negotiate treaties with the wild tribes of the west, found Mr. Cogswell there in the employment of Texas, as armorer and public blacksmith to the Indians, and advised and recommended him to continue his services, as proper and expedient. He did so remain for one year, and furnished coal, iron, &c., according to the accompanying bill, which the committee regard as fair and just. The papers marked A, B, and C, are to be taken as part of this report. The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

A.

TRADING HOUSE POST, No. 2,
May 20, 1847.

United States Indian Bureau to E. B. Cogswell, Dr.

For services as public blacksmith for the Indians of Texas, and furnishing coal, iron, &c., &c., from May 20, 1846, to date—one year, at one hundred dollars per month..... \$1,200 00

We do hereby certify, on honor, that Mr. E. B. Cogswell has been engaged in the duties of public blacksmith for the Indians for the term of time above specified, according to instructions given him by Messrs. Butler and Lewis, Indian commissioners.

ROBERT S. NEIGHBORS,
GEORGE BARNARD,
L. Y. C. WILLIAMS,
THOMAS J. SMITH,
JOHN F. TORREY.

B.

INDIAN BUREAU,
Washington, September 5, 1845.

SIR: His excellency the President has been pleased to appoint you, and you are hereby appointed, gunsmith and armorer to the Indians. You will, with the least possible delay, proceed to the council ground, post No. 2, on the Brassos, and assume the duties of your office. L. H. Williams, esquire, the agent in charge of the post, will deliver to you the workshop, tools, &c. You will execute all such work as may be presented by the Indians, under the instruction of the agent, until further orders.

Your obedient servant,

T. G. WESTERN,
Superintendent Indian Affairs.

E. B. COGSWELL, Esq.

C.

TORREY'S TRADING HOUSE, TEXAS,
May 20, 1846.

The commissioners, in leaving the Indian country, recommend that pending the confirmation of the treaty, that certain Indian tribes that are understood to be making corn, should be encouraged by blacksmith, or rather continued those heretofore em-

ployed in service to mend their tools and repair their guns. They advise, accordingly that Mr. Cogswell be continued here, and that Mr. Sutton be located a few miles above here for the same purpose, and who should be under the direction of Colonel L. H. Williams. Information should be given to the Indians by Colonel Williams. The commissioners, in their report, will advise the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs, whose decision will govern the subject.

P. M. BUTLER,
M. G. LEWIS,
Indian Commissioners.