

Report No. 738.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 136.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

INDIAN APPROPRIATIONS.

JUNE 30, 1848.

Mr. VINTON, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred House bill No. 136, entitled "an act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes," together with the amendments of the Senate thereto, recommend to the House to concur in the thirteen first amendments, and in the last amendment; not to concur in the fourteenth amendment; and to concur in the fifteenth and sixteenth amendments, with the following amendment, namely:

SEC. 3. Strike out all after the word "Indians," where it first occurs, and also the 4th section, and insert the following, viz: Who had their residence east of the Mississippi, at the date of the ratification of the treaty of New Echota, of May 23, 1836, and who have not removed west of the Mississippi, or received the commutation for removal and subsistence, and report the same to the Secretary of the Treasury; whereupon it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the treasury, to the credit of said Indians, out of the unexpended balance of the Cherokee fund, under said treaty, a sum equal to \$53 33 for each individual, ascertained as aforesaid; upon which amount interest shall be allowed at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the date of said deposite.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever, hereafter, any individual or individuals of said Cherokee Indians shall desire to remove and join the tribe west of the Mississippi, then the Secre-

tary of War shall be authorized to withdraw from said money, so deposited as aforesaid, so much thereof as may be necessary for the removal and subsistence of such individual or individuals, or families, as may go west of the Mississippi, and to disburse the same, so that the money withdrawn, as aforesaid, do not exceed the sum of \$53 33, and the interest due thereon, for each person removing as aforesaid; and the remainder of said per capita, if any, and the interest due thereon, shall be paid to each of said individuals so removed, after deducting the costs of such removal and subsistence. And the Secretary of War is further authorized to pay the said sum of \$53 33, in money, to any of the said Indians who shall prefer to remove him or herself, on his or her arrival in the Indian country west of the Mississippi river.

June 30, 1855

REPORT

The Board of Commissioners of the Indian Department, in their report to the Secretary of War, dated June 30, 1855, contain the following information: That the sum of \$53 33, and the interest due thereon, for each person removing as aforesaid, do not exceed the sum of \$53 33, and the interest due thereon, for each person removing as aforesaid; and the remainder of said per capita, if any, and the interest due thereon, shall be paid to each of said individuals so removed, after deducting the costs of such removal and subsistence. And the Secretary of War is further authorized to pay the said sum of \$53 33, in money, to any of the said Indians who shall prefer to remove him or herself, on his or her arrival in the Indian country west of the Mississippi river.