

RICHARD TARVIN—HEIRS OF.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 238.]

JANUARY 22, 1858.

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

REPORT.

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Neal Smith, administrator of Richard Tarvin, deceased, praying indemnity for property destroyed in the Creek war of 1813-'14, ask leave to report:

That Richard Tarvin, alias Richard Farrin, was a friendly Creek Indian in the war between the United States and his tribe in 1813-'14, and sustained loss by the depredations of the hostiles to the extent of six hundred dollars, as reported by General D. B. Mitchell, the agent of the federal government; that, by the treaty negotiated with the said Creek tribe of Indians at the close of said war, the United States guaranteed indemnity to those Indians who had remained friendly to our cause, for whatever property they had lost during the war by the common enemy. Claims were presented against the government for such losses, on the part of the friendly Creeks, amounting, in the aggregate to \$195,417 90, all of which has been provided for and paid by Congress. In addition to the claims embraced in the above amount, a supplemental abstract of claims was presented by General Mitchell in favor of six other friendly Creek Indians, amounting, all together, to \$9,770. Among these latter claimants is found the name of Richard Farren, alias Richard Tarrin, and his damages were assessed at the sum of six hundred dollars. Of the half dozen claimants included in the said supplemental abstract of General Mitchell, the sum of \$5,925 were paid to Peter Randall in an act passed by the thirty-third Congress. The claims of Arthur Sigemond, for \$1,420, and of John Simmance, for \$1,163, were provided for in the Indian appropriation bill of last Congress.

Your committee can see no good reason why the claim of the petitioner, Richard Tarren, alias Richard Tarrin, through his legal representatives, should not also be liquidated, and, therefore, they report a bill.