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MAY 21, 1880.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ERRETT, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 1317.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred bill H. R. 1317, beg leave to report:

This is a case in which the facts are exactly the same as in the case of bill No. 1316.

The original claim was for \$12,050. The sum of \$250 for the payment of a farmer at the agency was included in it, but this sum having since been paid, the claim is reduced to \$11,800, being for 100,000 pounds of flour furnished the San Carlos Agency September 2, 1873, the purchase being made by Capt. W. H. Brown, Fifth United States Cavalry, without contract, and under orders, as he alleges, from the superintendent of Indian affairs for Arizona Territory. The claim was allowed by Indian Commissioner Smith, and disallowed by Indian Commissioner Hayt.

For the reasons assigned in the report on bill 1316, we recommend the passage of the bill with amendments, the first reducing the amount to \$11,800, and the second striking out the old proviso and inserting a new one, referring the claim to the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to ascertain if the purchases were made by proper authority; and, if so, to allow therefor what may be equitably due, not to exceed the amount claimed.