

REDICK McKEE.

MARCH 3, 1876.—Committed to a Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 620.]

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 620) for the relief of Redick McKee, report:*

That in 1850, or thereabouts, the said McKee was appointed by President Fillmore one of three commissioners upon Indian affairs in California, and also purchasing and disbursing agent for the commission.

That in the execution of this trust, which was then one of great difficulty and importance, and which he seems to have fulfilled with remarkable success, the said McKee avers that an indebtedness of the United States Government to him was contracted, the evidence of which, he also avers, exists upon the records of the Interior Department, but which has never been paid.

That the Interior Department, from which information respecting this matter has been sought, has "stated that it was not prepared, without a full examination of the case, to give an opinion upon the merits of the allowance suggested by the claimant in his memorial," and also that, "should the proposed joint resolution meet the approval of Congress, Mr. McKee's claim will receive careful attention at the hands of the Department."

And also that an act, in precisely the same terms as the present bill, passed the House of Representatives March 19, 1872, but failed of action in the Senate.

The committee, therefore, report back the bill, with a recommendation that it pass.