

DR. JOHN A. TONNER.

MARCH 17, 1882.—Reported adversely, Committed to the Committee of the Whole House, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. TAYLOR, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 4744.]

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4744) for relief of John A. Tonner, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to make the following report :*

John A. Tonner was Indian agent at the Colorado River Reservation, Arizona Territory, and while so acting was requested to render medical services by E. I. Baily, surgeon United States Army, stationed at Prescott, Arizona, and did so from September 1, 1871, till July 31, 1873, for which services he claims compensation at the rate of \$50 per month, \$1,150.

The services were needed when rendered, and are reasonable in amount. The Second Comptroller of the Treasury rejected the claim under the act of Congress, August 23, 1842.

This claimant was receiving, during all the time this service was being rendered, a salary at the rate of \$1,500 per year. The law referred to prevents payment beyond his salary to any officer of the government situated as this claimant was for services performed. Your committee think the law a wholesome one, and see no sufficient reason for suspending it in this case. Your committee therefore report back the bill, with the recommendation that it do not pass.