

LUCY ANN LEE AND ALLEN G. LEE.

APRIL 11, 1884.--Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FERRELL, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6532.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 41) for the relief of Lucy Ann Lee and Allen G. Lee, submit the following report:

This is a claim for supplies alleged to have been taken from William Wade, deceased, of the Indian Territory, by the Army of the United States in the year 1863. Claim stated at \$6,150. The petitioners made no complaint to the War Department nor asked any relief from that quarter. This long delay they explain by alleging that they sent their vouchers for the property taken to an attorney, and he failed to file in the War Department.

It seems to your committee that an investigation by the Secretary of War, or under his direction, is a matter of necessity before intelligent action can be had upon this case. And the history of the transaction is susceptible of proof; and while this is true, the committee desire the benefit of such proof, outside of the *ex parte* statements of the petitioners and their friends.

The committee therefore report herewith a substitute for the bill referred to them, conferring power upon the Secretary of War to have the case investigated through the Quartermaster's Department, and to report the result, with his recommendation thereon, to Congress for its action in the premises.

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