

F. E. FULSOM.

MARCH 19, 1886.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill H. R. 97.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill No. 97, submit the following report :

Your committee have examined the documents and proofs in this case and find therefrom that on the 23d day of October, 1881, F. E. Fulsom (a Choctaw Indian) was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, and a resident of the county of Blue, in said nation ; that on the said 23d day of October, 1881, one Moses, a white man, and a citizen of the United States, did in the night time, while out fire hunting, shoot and kill one horse belonging to the claimant, worth \$150 ; that the horse at the time was in the owner's field ; that said Moses was at the time a trespasser and had no authority from any one to enter upon the Indian's lands or hunt upon his premises ; and that he, the said Moses, immediately thereafter left the county ; that there was no negligence on the part of said owner contributing to the death of said horse, and that he has not received any compensation therefor, and that said claimant has in no way endeavored to obtain private satisfaction or revenge for the destroying of his property ; and that said claimant is entitled to be paid the said sum of \$150 from the public funds in accordance with the provisions of article 14 of the treaty of June 22, 1855, made between the United States and the Choctaws and Chickasaws, from domestic strifes, from hostile invasions, and from aggressions by other Indians or white persons not subject to their jurisdiction and laws.

Your committee report the accompanying bill back to the House and recommend its passage without amendment.

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