

OLIVER M. FARRAND.

MAY 31, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 10268.]

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Oliver M. Farrand, submit the following report:*

[To accompany petition for the relief of Oliver M. Farrand.]

The petitioner is now a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York, but was formerly a member of the Western Miami tribe of Indians, and resided in Kansas. He became a citizen under the provisions of the act of Congress of March 3, 1873, an act to abolish the tribal relations of the Miami Indians. While a member of the tribe he was carried on the rolls and paid annuities regularly until April, 1861, when from some cause unknown to him and unknown to the committee his name was dropped from the rolls, and until 1869 he received no further annuities from the Government, or recognition as a member of the tribe. In 1869 his name was again entered upon the rolls, and he was paid his annuities regularly until the tribal relations were dissolved.

It appears by his own sworn statement that he went to Leavenworth City in 1861 and lived there until 1866, when he removed to New York City, where he has since resided.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in a communication to your committee, says that the records of his office do not show why Farrand's name was dropped from the Miami roll after 1861 and until 1869, when it was restored. His absence from the tribe, and a part of the time his absence from the State, may account for the failure to pay him the annuities to which he was entitled as a Miami Indian. His restoration to the rolls in 1869 evidences that he was not dropped for any valid reason, but through some oversight or mistake, and it is probable that he was young, and was not advised of his rights to the annuities in question.

The petitioner, Oliver M. Farrand, therefore, not having been paid during said period the annuities to which he was entitled alike with the other Western Miamis, your committee is satisfied that they should be paid him out of the funds of the Western Miami Indians, and they report a bill accordingly.