

GEORGE M. CHAPMAN.

APRIL 29, 1890.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 9888.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred a petition asking for the relief of George M. Chapman, have considered the same and report a bill, accompanied by the following report :

On May 29, 1882, George M. Chapman entered upon his duties as Indian inspector for the Government of the United States, and, acting upon the instructions of the Secretary of the Interior, performed certain work in the Mille Lac Indian Reservation in Minnesota, and also in the Leech Lake, Winnebago, and White Earth Indian Reservations; and that his actual expenses while engaged in the performance of this work, as shown by itemized statement, amounted to \$2,243.85, which amount he paid out of his own funds. Of this amount upon a decision of the Second Comptroller the Department of the Interior disallowed \$424.40, and such amount has never been paid.

In an action brought by the United States against the estate of one Townsend to recover certain moneys which had been expended by said Townsend while acting in the capacity of Indian inspector, and which said moneys were paid out of funds then in his hands belonging to the United States, Chief-Justice Bingham decided in favor of the defendants March 7, 1889. This action was brought to recover certain expenses which were disallowed by the Department, and were of the same character as those for which the George M. Chapman, herein named, asks to be re-imbursed.

The committee finds that said expenses were just and necessary, and have been so decided in the decision above referred to, and direct that the bill for the relief of said Chapman be reported favorably.