

CHARLES ADAMS.

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JANUARY 30, 1891.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

**REPORT:**

[To accompany S. 1616.]

Your committee are satisfied from the evidence that the expenditure by the claimant named in this bill (S. 1616) was necessary, and for the proper discharge of the duties of his office of Indian agent. We find the facts fully set forth in the Senate report, which we make a part of this report, viz:

[Senate Report No. 271, Fifty-first Congress, first session.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1616) for the relief of Charles Adams, have had the same under consideration and make the following report:

That the claimant, Charles Adams, was Indian agent at the Los Pinos Agency from July 1, 1872, to September 15, 1874, and acting under instructions from his immediate superior, the then Commissioner of Indian Affairs, expended for official advertising during the year 1873 and first and second quarters of 1874 the sum of \$237.40 and furnished regular vouchers for same, duplicates of which were presented to your committee, as were also copies of the official letters authorizing said expenditures, dated, respectively, December 4 and 27, 1872, September 12, 1873, and May 22, 1873.

Owing to the fact that these expenditures were not formally authorized by the Secretary of the Interior, as required by section 3828, Revised Statutes, they were disallowed by the accounting officers of the Treasury; and Mr. Adams can not now be reimbursed for the same except through the action of Congress, as contemplated by this bill.

Your committee being satisfied that the expenditures in question were actually and necessarily incurred, they recommend that the same be allowed. They also recommend that Senate bill 1616 be reported back with the following amendment: Strike out all the preamble paragraphs in said bill, commencing with "Whereas," and all after the word "assembled," on line 2 of page 2, and insert after said word the following:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and instructed to pay Charles Adams, late Indian agent at the Los Pinos Indian Agency, Colorado, two hundred and thirty-seven dollars and forty cents, which sum is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

We therefore report the bill favorably and recommend its passage.