

GRUBB & ROBINSON.

JULY 1, 1892.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 9413.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4650) to authorize the proper accounting officer of the Treasury Department to examine and audit according to equity the claim of Grubb & Robinson, a firm consisting of Alfred B. Grubb and William H. Robinson and of Alfred B. Grubb for building material sold and delivered to members of the Prairie band of Pottawatomie Indians in Kansas, submit the following report:

In 1881, 1882, and 1883, Alfred B. Grubb and W. H. Robinson, doing business under the firm name of Grubb & Robinson, were dealing in lumber and building material at Holton, Kans., and sold to certain members of the Prairie band of Pottawatomie Indians, residing on their reservation in Jackson County, Kans., a large amount of building material, upon the orders issued by H. C. Linn, then agent of said Indians; the said building material was delivered to the several Indians purchasing the same and was used in the construction of buildings for them and upon their reservation. The balance claimed by said firm is \$775.30. Soon after these sales by Grubb & Robinson the said firm dissolved and Alfred B. Grubb continued in the business.

After the dissolution said Alfred B. Grubb, upon the orders of said agent, sold building material to certain other members of said Prairie band of Pottawatomie Indians. The same was delivered and used in the construction of buildings for said Indians on said reservation, and the balance claimed to be due said Alfred B. Grubb is \$236.38. These sums were allowed by the Secretary of the Interior, approved by the Indian Bureau, and referred to the Treasury Department for further adjudication, and were then suspended on account of the loss or failure to produce the orders from the agent for the purchase of said material.

From the examination of the affidavits of W. H. Robinson, Alfred B. Grubb, George W. James, and the statement of Agent Linn, the committee is satisfied that the sums demanded by said claimant and as allowed by the Indian Bureau are justly due.

The committee therefore report the bill back with a substitute, and recommend that the substitute be passed.