

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 24, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BRADBURY made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. bill. No. 153.]

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Richmond, praying for compensation for his services as special marshal in aiding the marshal of the United States for the district of Michigan to preserve the neutral relations of the United States with the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada in the years 1839 and 1840, have had the same under consideration, and report:*

It appears, from the petition and other papers in the case, that the petitioner was appointed by Conrad Ten Eyck, United States marshal for the district of Michigan, to aid him in preserving the neutral relations of the United States with the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, as directed by the act of Congress of April 10, 1838; and that the petitioner served in the capacity of special marshal as aforesaid from the first day of October, 1839, until the first day of March, 1840. It also appears, that when the accounts of said Ten Eyck were settled with the Treasury Department the account of the petitioner was inadvertently omitted, and not included therein, and was not settled in the accounts of said Ten Eyck; and that, if it had been so included, it would have been allowed by the accounting officers of the treasury. It further appears, that when the petitioner presented his account to the Treasury Department, in October, 1845, the Comptroller of the Treasury decided that it could not then be paid, for the reason that, of the sum appropriated by the act of March 3, 1841, for payment of claims of this nature, the balance unexpended June 30, 1845, was, at that time, carried back to the surplus fund, and there has since been no appropriation therefore, in the treasury, out of which payment could be made.

In view of the facts thus stated the committee recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

