

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 15, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 367.]

*The Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the payment of claims favorably reported upon by the board of army officers, (appointed under the sixth section of the act approved August 31, 1852,) in their report to Congress dated December 5, 1854, having had the same under consideration, report :*

The board, appointed as above by the Secretary of War, consisted of Brevet Colonel Charles F. Smith, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Thomas, and Major R. B. Lee, met in the city of Washington in 1852, and claims amounting to \$989,185 29 $\frac{1}{4}$  were presented to them "for funds advanced and subsistence and supplies furnished or taken for the use of Frémont's California battalion in 1846." Of this amount there was heretofore allowed by the board, and paid by Congress, \$149,236 00 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; disallowed, \$157,317 65; suspended, \$307,927 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; ruled out, \$186,509 15; amount heretofore provided for by law, \$3,695 36; withdrawn, \$147,800; not acted upon, \$28,570 37; allowed but not yet appropriated for, \$8,129 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

This latter sum, which has been allowed by the board appointed by the authority of Congress, the committee think an appropriation ought to be made, and they report a bill to that effect.

The following list shows the names of the claimants, the amount claimed in each case, the amount allowed, and the name of the article furnished, &c:

*List of claimants, &c.*

No.	Claimants' names.	Articles furnished.	Amount claimed.	Amount allowed.
278	Peterson & Foster.....	Mules.....	\$50 00	\$50 00
276	P. B. Reading.....	Quarters and fuel.....	250 29	250 29
271	John Gregsby.....	Transportation.....	12 00	12 00
268	Nathan Barber.....	Injury to rifle.....	3 00	3 00
267	.....do.....	Shoes.....	2 50	2 50
266	J. P. Long.....	Quarters and fuel.....	121 74	121 74
265	Samuel Gibson.....	.....do.....	115 62	-----
264	.....do.....	.....do.....	78 45	78 45
263	J. J. Sparks.....	A rifle.....	50 00	50 00
261	.....do.....	Wheat.....	19 00	19 00
260	.....do.....	Cash.....	50 00	50 00
258	.....do.....	Powder and lead.....	73 00	73 00
256	.....do.....	Caps and rifle.....	102 50	102 50
255	Pascal Botaires.....	Horses.....	36 00	36 00
253	William F. Swaizey.....	A saddle, &c.....	40 00	40 00
252	William Breck.....	A horse, &c.....	30 00	30 00
251	Bernardina Lopez.....	A saddle.....	20 00	20 00
250	Isaac J. Sharp.....	Sugar.....	16 00	16 00
249	William Fulton.....	A mule.....	50 00	50 00
248	Jos. Rodrigues.....	Keeping horses.....	46 00	46 00
247	J. J. Sparks.....	Clothing, horses, &c.....	647 74	687 74
246	Carlos Antonio Carilla.....	Horses, &c.....	14,010 00	4,035 00
244	Thomas Fulton.....	Horses and mules.....	283 00	283 00
243	William M. Hughes.....	Work done.....	135 00	135 00
154	John Adams.....	Harness.....	200 00	50 00
149	W. A. Richardson.....	Horses, cattle, &c.....	6,683 00	1,928 00
132	T. L. Martin.....	Rifle.....	50 00	50 00
56	A. B. Thompson.....	Ordnance supplies.....	1,368 00	1,368 00
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