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JAMES HALL—LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF.

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January 30, 1857.

Mr. Sandidge, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of John E. Hall, make the following report:

By treaty between the United States and the Cherokee Indians west of the Mississippi, ratified the 23d of May, 1828, a portion of the then Territory of Arkansas was ceded to said Indians; and the settlers resident thereon and who should remove from such settlement according to the terms of the treaty, were, by the eighth section of the act of 24th May, 1828, entitled "An act to aid the State of Ohio in extending the Miami canal from Dayton to Lake Erie, and to grant a quantity of land to said State to aid in the construction of the canals authorized by law; and for making donations of land to certain persons in Arkansas Territory," authorized to enter with the proper register of the land office in Arkansas, a quantity of land not exceeding two quarter sections. Under this law of Congress, as appears from a communication from the Commissioner of the Land Office, a certificate was issued to James Lawrence, number 306, on claim number 213, which was located at the Little Rock land office on the 24th July, 1851, on certain lands, and that the location was afterwards set aside because of a prior claim, not shown by the books of the local land office at the date of location, as stated by Mr. Hall, the memorialist, who asks permission to relocate on other lands, he being the assignee of James Lawrence.

The time given by the law authorizing the previous location having expired before its cancelment, your committee see no reason why the prayer of the memorialist should not be granted, and herewith report a bill for his relief.

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