57TH CONGRESS, 1st Session. } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. { REPORT No. 1663.

RELIEF OF CERTAIN INDIGENT CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW INDIANS IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

APRIL 18, 1902.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 13819.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13819) for the relief of certain indigent Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, beg leave to submit the following report and recommend that said bill do pass without amendment.

The Committee on Indian Affairs, at its regular session, authorized the report of this bill (which was drawn by the Interior Department), the passage of which is urgently recommended by the Secretary of the Interior. The purpose of the bill is to grant relief to certain indigent Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians of Indian Territory, and authorizes the use of certain funds now in the Treasury to their credit for the purpose of purchasing food and raiment for these Indians.

In certain parts of the Territory crops were almost a total failure last year, and these people are in destitute circumstances. The passage of the bill is asked by the representatives of the tribe. As the bill involves no appropriation, and the relief asked for is necessary and urgent, the committee hopes that speedy and favorable action will be taken thereon.

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