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PRESS PUBLISHING CO., MARIANNA, ARK.

MARCH 2 (calendar day, MARCH 3), 1927.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. MEANS, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11727]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11727) for the relief of the Press Publishing Co., Marianna, Ark., having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass without amendment.

The facts are fully set forth in House Report No. 2058, Sixty-ninth Congress, second session, which is appended hereto and made a part of this report.

[House Report No. 2058, Sixty-ninth Congress, second session]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11727), for the relief of the Press Publishing Co., Marianna, Ark., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

Attached herewith is a letter from the Treasury Department giving the facts in the case.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, January 11, 1927.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 3d instant, transmitting copy of bill H. R. 11727, which was introduced for the relief of the Press Publishing Co., of Marianna, Ark., and requesting report thereon. The salient facts relating to the case are as follows:

Printed notices soliciting bids for the performance of sundry services at the post office, Marianna, Ark., were prepared in the Office of the Supervising Architect of this department and sent to the custodian for conspicuous posting in the building under his custody. Due to misunderstanding on his part and without proper authority from the department, the custodian caused to be inserted in the Marianna Courier Index, a local paper published by the Press Publishing Co., certain advertisements during July and November, 1924, and January, 1925, for which service claim has been made for \$9.

There are on file copies of the paper heretofore named, carrying the advertisements in question and substantiating the rendition of the service. No other copies are obtainable, however, and since, in the event of the passage of the bill, these may be required by the accounting officers to support the account when

presented for settlement, it is considered advisable to temporarily retain them in the department, unless you otherwise specifically request. Copies of other papers relating to the claim accompany this report.

Even though the authority under which it was performed was technically irregular, inasmuch as the Government has received the benefit of the service for which claim has been made, it would appear that the public creditor is entitled to be paid. Enactment of the provisions of the bill into law is, therefore, to be desired.

Respectfully,

GARRARD B. WINSTON,  
*Acting Secretary of the Treasury*

HON. CHARLES L. UNDERHILL, M. C.,  
*Chairman Committee on Claims,  
House of Representatives.*

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