

CHARLES H. MASON—LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF.

[To accompany Bill H, R. No. 189.]

MARCH 19, 1860.

Mr. WALDRON, from the Committee on Territories, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Territories, to whom was referred a "bill for the relief of the legal representatives of the estate of Charles H. Mason," respectfully report:

That Charles H. Mason was secretary of the Territory of Washington from the year 1854 to 1859, inclusive; and that, for sundry periods during that time, the governor was absent in remote parts of the Territory, attending to his duties as superintendent of Indian affairs, or engaged in public duty outside of the Territory by direction of the President of the United States; at which times the duties of the office of governor devolved upon and were discharged by Secretary Mason.

The representatives of Mr. Mason present a claim amounting to \$2,783 33, being the difference between the salaries of the secretary and governor for the time during which the former discharged the duties of the latter; and the bill referred to your committee authorizes payment from the treasury for such sum.

Your committee are of opinion that said claim should be allowed in part, viz: for the time that the governor was absent from the Territory by direction of the Executive; and they therefore report back the bill with an amendment authorizing payment for such space of time.