

NATHANIEL McLEAN, R. G. MURPHY, AND C. E. FLANDREAU.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 162.]

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Mr. WINDOM, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Nathaniel McLean, R. G. Murphy, and C. E. Flandreau, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report :

It seems, upon investigation, that Nathaniel McLean was appointed Indian agent of the Sioux, in Minnesota, on the 3d day of December, 1849, and continued to hold said office until the 22d day of May, 1853, when he was succeeded by Richard G. Murphy, who officiated until the 16th day of October, 1856, when he was succeeded by Charles E. Flandreau, who continued to hold the office until the 3d of March, 1857. The compensation was then but \$1,000 per annum, although it was understood by all that the salary should be increased to \$1,500 per annum, being the same as agents of the other tribes received.

This was recommended by Luke Lea, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in a letter sent to Governor Ramsey, who was also acting as superintendent of Indian affairs of Minnesota at that time. Governor Ramsey also recommended the same. George W. Manypenny, Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 1853, and Willis A. Gorman, governor of Minnesota and ex officio superintendent of Indian affairs, also recommended the same.

More lately, A. B. Greenwood, the recent Commissioner of Indian Affairs, recommended an increase to the sum which other agents received.

William J. Cullen, ex-superintendent of Indian affairs, also urged upon the government the justice of such allowance.

All of these give as their reasons for an extra compensation that the duties of the agent were much more arduous than a large majority of the other agencies; that the disbursements were much greater, and that the receipts exceeded nearly all others; the removal of the Sioux was attended with much trouble, and that the duties in other respects warranted the salary to be equal to the sum paid the other agents.

Subsequently, after the retiring of the last-mentioned memorialist, the salary was increased to the sum of \$1,500.

The committee, considering these facts, unanimously recommend the sum asked for in the bill presented by Mr. Windom.