

Report.
On account of George T. Cook

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In Council June 22 1839

The Select Committee to which was referred the account of George F. Cook who was engaged in the service of the State have had the same under consideration and Report, That from the evidence given in before the Committee the said Cook accompanied the quota of troops furnished by the town of Guilford as far as Bangor at the request of the Selectmen of said town. It was there made known to him that the ^{Assistant} Quarter Master General (Elijah P. Pike) was desirous of employing an individual for a few days to perform certain duties and to accompany a detachment of troops on their line of march from Bangor to township No 10.

Gen Batchelder ~~accordingly~~ who commanded the Detachment from the 2nd Division accordingly appointed him Assistant to the Company of said Detachment, and he reported himself immediately to the ~~Assistant~~ ^{Assistant} Quarter Master General, who informed ^{him} of the duties which he desired him to perform, but told him, he was unable to say how long he should require his aid as he expected daily an individual duly appointed by the ~~Assistant~~ ^{Assistant} Quarter Master General to report himself, but, that the time he should be employed he should receive a fair compensation for his services. He continued in the employ of the State from the sixth of March to the twenty fifth of April and he claims under the appointment of Gen Batchelder as per bill the compensation allowed to, Lieutenant when in

actual service. The Committee are of the opinion that he ought not to receive such a compensation for the reason that he was not a commissioned officer and the Commanding General had no authority for making an appointment of the kind and allow him the compensation of a Lieutenant, and furthermore he was told before entering upon his duties by the ^{Assistant} Acting Quarter Master General that he should receive a fair compensation for his labors. The Committee therefore are of the opinion that one dollar and twenty five cents per day ^{in addition to his necessary expenses} would be a sufficient remuneration for the services rendered and the ~~Governor is advised to settle the same~~ ^{Acting Quarter Master General is advised to settle the same} of ~~five~~ ^{five} of the price of the book for the sum of fifty ~~two~~ ^{two} dollars and fifty cents in full for his services rendered the State, to be charged to and paid out of the appropriations made for the payment of military expenses February 24th 1839.

All of which is respectfully submitted

McFletcher per Order

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This Report on being read was accepted by the Council, and by the Governor approved.

Attest.

A. R. Nichols Secretary of State.