

JOHN MONROE.

FEBRUARY 9, 1842.  
Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. COWEN, from the Committee of Claims, submitted the following

**REPORT :**

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Monroe, report :*

This claim is for compensation for damages sustained by the destruction of the wagon and team of the petitioner, by Indians, in 1839, in the Territory of Florida. The wagon and team in question were in the service of the United States, under a contract ; while in such service, the wagon and three horses were destroyed.

The practice of the Government upon claims like this has been, so far as is known to the committee, uniform. No claim of the kind has ever been allowed. He who enters into his country's service, or puts his property into that service, under a contract voluntarily made, takes upon himself, for the stipulated consideration, the hazards of that service, and must himself abide any loss resulting therefrom.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.