

DANIEL TURNIPSEED.

MAY 11, 1846.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. DANIEL, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Turnipseed, report :

That the petitioner alleges that he lost property in the month of May, 1836, in the State of Alabama, by the depredations of the Creek Indians, to the amount of \$3,112.

There is no law which authorizes the payment of money out of the treasury of the United States to remunerate persons for losses which they may have sustained in consequence of Indian attacks upon persons and property. Since the settlement of this country, the losses sustained by American citizens from hostile Indians have been exceedingly numerous and very heavy, but as yet the legislature has not seen fit to levy contributions by law for the relief of the sufferers. Nor can this committee recommend the adoption of such a course at this time by the national legislature. It becomes their duty, therefore, to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

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