

WILLIAM BARNES.

MAY 20, 1842.
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Mr. COWEN, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Wm. Barnes, report :

That the petitioner claims pay for a horse which he alleges he lost in the Indian war in 1792. There is no other evidence before the committee than the statement of the petitioner. He speaks of a deposition of one Aaron Adams as supporting his allegations. The committee do not consider it necessary to delay this case for testimony. The great lapse of time since the claim accrued (fifty years) should, as the committee think, be a conclusive bar. They submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.

July 10, 1842.

Mr. COWEN, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John P. Baldwin, reported :

That the petitioner sets forth that, in 1823, the Spanish brig *San Esteban* wrecked upon the northern coast of Florida, after which she was sold to the petitioner; that, in 1830, she was burnt by the order of the United States officers, in consequence of which he sustained a loss of—

5 tons of iron, valued at	\$450
5 tons of kedge	100
20 masts, spars	75
anchors	25
2 main cables	300
Ball, sail, and rigging	175
	\$1,425

The records furnished to the committee show that the object of burning the brig was to prevent the Indians from obtaining possession of the property, and particularly to prevent her being used as a base. The vessel having been burnt, and the cargo dispersed, it is not possible to ascertain the value of the property, which he lost. The witnesses, both the