

JOHN G. BIBB.

JULY 10, 1840.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. GIDDINGS, from the Committee of Claims; submitted the following

**REPORT:**

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John G. Bibb, asking compensation for a horse, saddle, bridle, martingale, and blankets, lost in the military service of the United States in the campaign in Florida, in 1836, make the following report:*

It appears from the deposition of Captain William Tatam, that the petitioner was a private in his company of Tennessee mounted volunteers, in the service of the United States, in the late campaign in Florida, in 1836; that he was possessed of a horse, saddle, bridle, martingale, and two blankets, his own private property; that the horse was valued at Fayetteville at one hundred and fifty dollars, the saddle at fifteen dollars, the blankets at six dollars, the bridle at two dollars, and the martingale at two dollars; that the horse was taken sick and died while in the United States service, on the 28th day of July, 1836, occasioned, as alleged, by hard riding in said service; and that the equipage was lost in consequence thereof; and that this loss occurred without any fault or neglect on the part of the owner.

The committee have no reason to doubt the truth of the facts set forth in this case, yet they are of opinion that none of the circumstances which characterize the loss here mentioned bring it within the provisions of any existing law or rule adopted by the United States Government, in making payment for horses or other property lost in the military service of the United States; and, therefore, offer for the consideration of the House the following resolution:

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