

THOMAS T. WRIGHT.

FEBRUARY 15, 1845.

Read, and laid upon the table.

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

REPORT :

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas T. Wright, report :*

The petitioner, on the 15th of August, 1840, lost the list of articles set forth in the schedule hereto annexed, and alleges that they were destroyed by the Seminole Indians in Florida, by fire. In proof of this allegation, and of the value of the property scheduled, certain affidavits are filed with the memorial.

Without entering into an analysis of the testimony submitted to sustain the claim, it is deemed sufficient to say, that, were it of the highest character, the committee would not feel warranted in recommending so wide a departure from the principles settled by the acts of 1816 and 1825, as would be the making provision for the payment of all property destroyed by civilized or savage enemies in different wars. It is not so much as claimed that this property was destroyed in consequence of its occupancy or use by the United States for any purpose whatever, or in consequence of any act of the United States; and therefore fails to come within any of the rules recognised by Congress, allowing indemnity for losses sustained by citizens at the hand of a public enemy.

The adoption of the following resolution is recommended :

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

A.

*A schedule and valuation of property belonging to Thos. T. Wright, which was lost by Indian depredations on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1840.*

1840.					
Aug. 15	1 dwelling-house	-	-	-	\$75 00
	1 kitchen	-	-	-	40 00
	1 barn	-	-	-	50 00
	1 store-house	-	-	-	35 00

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1840.			
Aug. 15	1 patent plough - - - -		\$5 00
	100 lbs. of coffee, at 15 cents per lb. - -		15 00
	1 saddle, \$10; 1 pair saddlebags, \$10 - -		20 00
	1 bushel of salt - - - -		75
	8 lbs. of tobacco, at 25 cents per lb. - -		2 00
	1 bridle - - - -		1 50
	1 bed-quilt and frame - - - -		3 00
	9 yards of jeans, at 37½ cents per yard - -		3 37½
	3 ladies' dresses, at \$3 each - - - -		9 00
	9 yards of cotton cloth, at 12½ cents per yard - -		1 12½
	4 lbs. of nails, at 12½ cents per per lb. - -		50
	1 lb. of salts, 18½ cents; 2 pairs of shoes, \$2 75 -		2 93¾
	5 large tin pans, at 50 cents each - - - -		2 50
	1 bake-oven - - - -		1 50
	1 tea-kettle - - - -		1 00
	1 pot - - - -		1 00
	1 frying-pan - - - -		75
	1 set of knives and forks - - - -		2 00
	1 set of cups and flats - - - -		75
	1 large dish - - - -		1 00
	1 small dish - - - -		50
	1 bedstead - - - -		2 00
	1 chair, \$1; 1 table, \$4 - - - -		5 00
	1 blanket - - - -		1 50
	1 coat - - - -		2 50
	1 patent hoe - - - -		1 00
	1 large tub - - - -		2 00
	1 large bucket - - - -		1 00
	50 lbs. of seed cotton, long staple, at 5 cents per lb.		2 50
	2,000 lbs. of fodder, at \$2 per hundred - -		40 00
	100 lbs. of dried beef, at 6 cents per lb. - -		6 00
	Total - - - -		339 68¾

TERRITORY OF FLORIDA, *county of Columbia.*