

SAMUEL DONT HIT.

JULY 24, 1846.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. JACOB THOMPSON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Donthit, the heir and representative of Malachiah Motlon, deceased, have had the same under consideration, and report :*

It seems most difficult to satisfy the petitioner of the unwillingness of Congress to make an appropriation for the payment of this claim. Upon the petition of the heirs of John Motlon, deceased, several adverse reports have been made at different times by different committees. At this session the committee reported adversely upon the petition of the heirs of John Motlon, deceased; which report is referred to as containing the opinions of this committee on this claim. The petition of the heirs of John Motlon, deceased, and the petition of Samuel Donthit, are for the same claim. At this session, the one petition was sent to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and the other to the Committee of Claims. The Committee of Claims was discharged from its consideration, and, finally, both petitions came to the same committee, and the same report is made on both petitions. The committee presume, as these petitions were intrusted to the care of different members of Congress by the claimants, their difference of opinion as to the proper direction for the petition to take, accounts for the different references which were made.

The committee ask to be discharged from its further consideration.