

ALFORD GANDY.

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 memorial of Alford Gandy, report:*

The memorialist sets forth that he was a private in a company of mounted Alabama volunteers, known as the Tallassee Guards, mustered into the service of the United States in the year 1836, under the command of Captain John H. Brodnax, upon the breaking out of the late Creek Indian hostilities; that the memorialist's horse was taken and sent express on the business of the United States; that, in consequence of the hard riding and fatigue of the duty performed, the animal (a mare) immediately afterward sickened and died, and that he was obliged to remount himself again at his own expense; for which loss he has not, nor has any person for him, received compensation.

It appears from the testimony of John H. Brodnax and William Hunter, that the claimant's mare was appraised, on entering the service, at one hundred and fifty dollars, and that she was sent on express, as stated by the memorialist, and that she died, immediately after performing the said duty, as witnesses supposed, of fatigue and hard-riding. The committee are of opinion that the evidence submitted is not sufficient to establish the claim. It should be shown who ordered the petitioner to go on express duty, the distance travelled, and the time it took to perform the journey. The committee are of opinion that the evidence is not sufficiently specific or particular to justify them in recommending relief, and therefore offer for the adoption of the House the following resolution:

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