

Report No. 135.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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ALEXANDER WATSON.

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FEBRUARY 28, 1849.

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

**REPORT:**

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Alexander Watson, praying indemnity for property destroyed by hostile Indians in Florida, report:*

That after a careful examination of the facts, the committee are unable to come to the conclusion that the memorialist is entitled to the indemnity which he seeks. It has never been the practice of the government to pay for Indian depredations, and there is nothing in this case to distinguish it from numerous other cases of individual loss upon the frontier from incursions of hostile Indians.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the claim of the memorialist ought not to be allowed.