

WILLIAM SENNA FACTOR.

[To accompany S. bill No. 136.]

JUNE 10, 1854.

Mr. GREENWOOD, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 136, together with the claim and memorial of William Senna Factor, asking compensation for losses sustained in the Seminole war in Florida, having had the same under consideration, make the following report:*

The committee fully concur in the report of the Senate committee upon the same subject, except as to the amount they believed the memorialist was entitled to. The evidence shows that Rose Senna Factor, the mother of the memorialist, lost all her property by destruction under orders of United States officers, and for this it cannot be denied that the United States is liable. The residue of the property for which compensation is asked, the committee are of opinion was destroyed by the Seminoles in a state of war, and does not constitute a valid claim against the government.

They are also of opinion that the value fixed upon the property destroyed by order of United States officers is exorbitant, and that the memorialist is only entitled to the sum of two thousand dollars, believing that amount to be a fair compensation for the property destroyed, and for which the United States is liable; and therefore report the Senate bill back to the House with an amendment.