

JOHN H. B. ROLLS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 315.]

JUNE 14, 1850.

Mr. G. A. CALDWELL, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of John H. B. Rolls, report as follows:

Petitioner states that in 1836 he volunteered, in Gibson county, Tennessee, to serve in the Florida war in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Baber; that he furnished his own horse and equipments, and proceeded with the company to Florida, where he was left behind, sick, and never again joined the army.

He further states that, whilst sick, his saddle and equipments were taken by Captain Ross, an officer of the United States army, and converted to public use for the purpose of mounting another soldier; and that Captain Ross promised to give him a certificate of the fact, but was killed by the Indians a few days thereafter. He further states that he was compelled to sell his horse, to get money to come home.

In conclusion, he asks Congress to allow him the sum at which his horse and equipments were valued, the former being \$175, and the latter \$48 50.

The committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner in relation to the value of the horse, ought not to be granted. He voluntarily sold the horse, and received the price of it. It is not even intimated that he did not get its full value. It is proven, by the testimony of P. P. Elliott and P. W. Draper, that the saddle and equipments of the petitioner were taken by an officer of the United States army and converted to the public use. The committee therefore recommend that he be paid for them the sum of \$48 50.

A bill for that purpose is respectfully submitted with this report.