

GEORGE SCHELLENGER.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 358.]

MAY 23, 1856.

Mr. C. C. WASHBURNE, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of George Schellenger, report:

That the petitioner claims indemnification for damages sustained by destruction of property during the Black Hawk war. Said Schellenger, it appears, was a farmer; and that, during the month of June, 1832, a government train of about forty baggage wagons, accompanied by about one hundred men, encamped on his premises for three days, taking possession of the same, and suffering the cattle and horses of the train to occupy his enclosures and destroy his crops. By the testimony of one of the witnesses who was called upon to assess the damages sustained by said destruction of crop, it appears that the damage was then estimated at five hundred dollars. It further appears, that a board of commissioners was established at Galena in 1833, consisting of Wm. Hempstead and two others, to adjudicate upon such claims growing out of the Black Hawk war as the one under consideration. Said commissioners adjudicated the claim under consideration, and allowed the sum of \$284 25. The evidence before the committee is entirely satisfactory, and shows that the petitioner has sustained damage for which he is entitled to compensation. As to the amount of damage, the evidence is somewhat conflicting, and the committee recommend the allowance of the smallest amount named, being \$284 25, the sum allowed by the board of commissioners, and report a bill accordingly.