

JOHN A. PAYNE.

FEBRUARY 29, 1884.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LOBE, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 1144.]

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1144) for the relief of John A. Payne, submit the following report:*

It appears from the papers in this case that John A. Payne, on the night of July 1, 1877, lost his personal property by the burning of the officers' quarters at Camp Supply, in the Indian Territory. He was at the time a first lieutenant in the Nineteenth United States Infantry, assigned to and stationed at that post. It is claimed that his time and energies were devoted to saving the Government property then stored at the post and lost his property thereby. It is considered that such losses are such risks as every officer takes when he enters the service. A majority of the committee therefore recommend that the bill do not pass.