

MARY E. CASEY.

MARCH 12, 1886.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DORSEY, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 5003.]

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5003) for the relief of Mary E. Casey, having examined the same and accompanying papers, submit the following report:

The object of the bill in this case is to allow the beneficiary, Mary E. Casey, to select 120 acres of the unappropriated public land in the State of Nebraska, not mineral in character, as her just claim for money paid into the United States Treasury for land which she has never received, as will fully appear from the facts herein stated:

Under a sale of a portion of the lands of the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians, Mary E. Casey made entry (June 21, 1878) for the south half north-east quarter section 29, town 1, range 17 east, Nebraska, and paid to the receiver of public moneys at the land office at Beatrice, Nebr., \$133.34, and made improvement on said land by breaking 33 acres of the same; and the said Mary E. Casey had nearly completed a small house on said land when one John Vasser (who made contest to the said entry) destroyed said building, and thereby prevented the said Mary E. Casey from settling upon the land.

The said Mary E. Casey was so poor that she was unable to follow the said contest or to prosecute the same with any vigor. While the land was taken from her, the Government never returned to this poor woman any part of her money.

The bill is just and should pass.

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