

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 16, 1839.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. TIPTON submitted the following

REPORT :

[To accompany Senate bill No. 200.]

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Malachi Hagan, make the following report :

It appears that in August, 1836, when the United States troops were about to abandon Miconopy, it was found that there was a large quantity of public and private stores and property there which could not be transported, and which would, if they fell into the hands of the enemy, afford him support. Major Pierce, consequently, in order to prevent their falling into his hands, ordered the buildings containing them to be fired; that among the property burnt was the dwelling-house and blacksmith's shop, furniture and tools, and a number of articles of merchandise belonging to Malachi Hagan. It also appears that Mr. Hagan had a large number of cattle and hogs, which were driven off by the Seminole Indians in the winter of 1835. The committee are of opinion that the buildings ought to be paid for by the United States, and that the cattle and hogs should not be paid for; and that it is inexpedient to act, at the present time, in relation to the personal property destroyed; and therefore report a bill accordingly.

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