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AARON PIERCE.

JUNE 9, 1836.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. E. WHITTLESEY, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, instructed by a resolution of the House of Representatives, on the 11th of April, 1836, to inquire into the expediency of compensating Aaron Pierce, for two horses belonging to him, and which were killed, in 1832, by a party of hostile Indians, report:

That the claimant presents an account against the United States, for two horses killed by the hostile Indians in September, 1832, valued at one hundred and ten dollars. He has sworn to his account, and has also given his deposition, in which he states such circumstances, as, with the depositions of David Hays and Vance L. Davidson, renders it quite certain, that two horses, that belonged to the claimant, were killed by hostile Indians. The United States do not, so far as the committee know or believe, except in cases provided for by treaty, pay the damages the Indians may commit on the property of their citizens in time of war.

They frequently suffer, and so do those who have their property embarked in commerce. Such risks are incident to their residence or employment of capital, and must be borne by them.

Those who have been frontier settlers heretofore, have not been compensated for their losses, which were similar to that now claimed; and the committee is not inclined to enlarge the liability of the United States.

The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That the claimant is not entitled to relief.