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Reuben N. Bullard
REUBEN N. BULLARD.

JANUARY 6, 1836.
Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. E. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made the following REPORT:

The Committee of Claims to which was referred the petition of Reuben N. Bullard, report:

That this case was presented to Congress on the 18th of December, 1832, and a report made on it on the 4th of January, 1833, to which the committee refer and make the same a part of this report, and also, the committee refer to a report made on the 3d January, 1834. No new testimony is presented, and this committee, concurring in the former reports, recommend that the House come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.

JANUARY 5, 1835.

The Committee of Claims to which was referred the petition of Reuben N. Bullard, report:

That this petition was presented to Congress and referred to this Committee, December 18, 1832, and an unfavorable report made thereon, January 4, 1833, vol. 9, page 22, of the committee records.

No new evidence is adduced by the petitioner to remove the objections raised in that report.

The committee have again examined the claim, and, after due consideration, concur in that report and adopt it as part of this, and refer to it for the character of the claim and the facts to sustain it.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Reuben N. Bullard is not entitled to relief.

JANUARY 4, 1833.

The Committee of Claims to which was referred the petition of Reuben N. Bullard, report:

The petitioner states he was a substitute, during the late war, for one of his neighbors, in an expedition from Tennessee against the Creek Indians;
that he was about 125 miles from the place of rendezvous, and rode a horse to the rendezvous worth three hundred dollars; was mustered into the infantry, and took his horse with him; that Major John C. Hicks, who was the adjutant, pressed his horse into the service, and what has become of him he does not know. The committee have made inquiries at the Third Auditor's Office, whether the claim has heretofore been presented for payment, and whether there exists any evidence in the Department that has any bearing on the claim. The answer of Mr. Hagner is referred to, and made a part of this report. It appears the claim has not been heretofore presented, nor do the returns furnish any evidence in relation to it.

Elias M. Fall and Jacob Bailey, testify they heard Major Hicks say he had pressed said horse; and saw him in his possession, and Jacob Bailey, who was a public blacksmith, shod the horse.

Having adopted the communication made by Mr. Hagner, as a part of this report, the committee refrain from commenting at large on the extraordinary delay in not presenting this claim before. In the absence of the best evidence to prove the case, as set forth in the petition, and on the general character of the claim, they do not think the petitioner is entitled to any relief, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, The prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.
press or provide horses for express service; the purpose for which the impressment in this case is expressed, by one of the witnesses, to have been made; and I know of no source which can be resorted to in this office, with the least prospect of discovering evidence of that impressment. One of the witnesses has testified that he saw the horse in the possession of Adjutant Hicks several times, and the petitioner has sworn that the adjutant continued it in the service so long as he, the petitioner, remained therein. The petitioner, it is observed, has not attempted to account for his not obtaining a certificate of the impressment from Adjutant Hicks at the time, nor yet for his suffering the claim to remain dormant for nearly eighteen years. The papers are returned.

With great respect,

Your most obedient servant,

PETER HAGNER, Auditor.

The Hon. E. WHITTLESEY,
Chairman of the Committee of Claims,
House of Representatives.