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In relation to the claim of Ephraim Sprague, for remuneration for property lost in the campaign against the Sac and Fox Indians in 1832.

DECEMBER 17, 1838.

Referred, with bill S. 74, to the Committee of Claims.

DECEMBER 19, 1838.

Ordered to be printed.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
Green county: }

We, M. S. Link, James D. Scott, of the county and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that we do possess actual knowledge of the loss of a span of horses, harness, and a wagon, which was at that time in the military service of the United States, in the year 1832, which was appraised and taken in the service under our immediate notice, and, according to our recollection, said property was appraised to \$300 when taken in the service; and after doing service for Colonel Jacob Fry's regiment, J. D. Henry's brigade, as a team and baggage wagon for some time, said horses and wagon were unavoidably abandoned near the head of Rock river, about the 18th day of July, 1832, or near that time, and lost without fault or neglect of any person, as the horses became unable to perform; and I here distinctly state there was no forage furnished by the United States or received. The only sustenance was what grass they ate at night. Said property was the property of Ephraim Sprague when taken in the service, and valued as such. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal, this 2d day of October, 1837.

J. D. SCOTT,
M. S. LINK.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
Green county: }

I, John W. Scott, an acting justice of the peace for said county, do certify the above named James D. Scott and Milhas S. Link, was duly qualified to the above claim according to law. Given under my hand and seal, this 2d day of October, 1837.

JOHN W. SCOTT, J. P.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
Green county: }

I, James Reno, clerk of the county commissioner's court, and ex-officio register of civil commissions, do hereby certify that John W. Scott is, and was at the time of signing the foregoing certificate, an acting justice of the

peace for said county, and as such full faith and credit should be given to all his official acts.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal of office, at Carrollton, this 2d day of October, 1837.

[L. S.]

Attest:

JAMES RENO, *Clerk U. C. C. G. C.*

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
Will county, } ss:

Jacob Fry, of Green county, in the State of Illinois, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and saith: That he was a colonel and commander of a regiment of militia, attached to the brigade under the command of General James D. Henry, in the State of Illinois, in the year 1832, during the war between the United States and the Indians; that, in the summer of 1832, a span of horses, a two-horse harness, and a two-horse wagon, belonging to Ephraim Sprague, now a resident of Will county, in said State of Illinois, were taken into the service of the United States for the purpose of hauling baggage, &c., for the regiment, then under the command of this deponent; and that the said horses, harness, and wagon were used for the purpose of hauling baggage, &c., until the said horses became worn down and rendered useless from hard usage, and from a want of sufficient forage; it being necessary to draw heavy loads through deep sloughs and swamps, and the horses were furnished with no forage excepting the grass they procured when turned out to graze at night; that after the said horses became useless the said harness and wagon were continued in the service until they were abandoned on Rock river, together with other baggage wagons, by order of General James D. Henry, that the Indians might be pursued with greater speed; and that the said Ephraim Sprague was not with the division of the army under the command of this deponent, when the said harness and wagon were abandoned; that this deponent does not know of said Ephraim Sprague having received any pay for his said horses, harness, or wagon, or any part thereof, from any source; and that he, this deponent, has been acquainted with the said Ephraim Sprague for several years, and believes him to be a man of truth and veracity.

JACOB FRY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1837.

LEVI JENKS,

Clerk of the circuit court, Will county, Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
Will county, } ss:

Ephraim Sprague, of said county and State, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and saith: That in the year 1832 he lost a span of horses, one two-horse harness, and one two-horse wagon, in the service of the United States, while engaged in war with the Indians in the State of Illinois; that said horses, harness, and wagon were employed to haul baggage, and for other purposes, in and for Colonel Jacob Fry's regiment, attached to the brigade under the command of General James D. Henry; that said horses, harness, and wagon were taken into the service at the

risk of the United States, and the said horses were to be furnished with forage at the expense of the United States; that it was often necessary to pass through deep sloughs and swamps with heavy loads; and that the loss of said horses was owing to hard usage and the want of sufficient forage, there being no forage furnished by the United States, excepting the grass that the said horses procured when turned out to graze at night; that among other persons James D. Scott and M. S. Link were present when said horses, harness, and wagon were taken into the service; that deponent has been informed, and believes to be true, that all the baggage wagons and appendages thereto belonging were abandoned near the rapids on Rock river, (deponent's wagon and harness being among the rest,) by order of General James D. Henry, that the Indians might be pursued with greater speed; and that he, this deponent, was with another division of the army at that time, and not present at the time of the said abandonment; and said deponent further saith, that he has not at any time received any pay or compensation of any kind for his said property, or any part thereof, from the United States, or from any officer or agent of the United States, or from any other source; that he claims to be justly due to him for his said property the sum of \$300; and that he does not expect to receive any pay or compensation therefor from any source unless his said claim shall be allowed against the United States.

EPHRAIM SPRAGUE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1837.

LEVI JENKS,

Clerk of the circuit court, Will county, Illinois.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
1832.

To Ephraim Sprague,

Dr.

To one span of horses, one two-horse wagon, and one two-horse harness, lost in the service of the United States in the Indian war of 1832, in Illinois, as per valuation of said property when taken into the service

\$300