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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 14, 1840.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PIERCE made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Cozard, report :

That the petitioner represents that on the 29th of July, 1794, he and three brothers were surprised by a party of Shawnee Indians, near a fort in Harrison county, Virginia, and taken prisoners, and the youngest brother butchered on the spot ; that he was carried into captivity by them, and in a short time sold to the Wyandot tribe ; that he was treated with great cruelty by both ; that his relatives discovered him after he had been held in captivity more than two years, and succeeded in obtaining his liberation ; that, to redeem him and his brothers, his father sustained a pecuniary loss of at least \$2,000. On these grounds he prays for a pension.

His brother (John Cozard) gives an affidavit setting forth the same facts ; and that he was sent by his father to effect the petitioner's redemption, in which he was successful.

His good character is certified to by two ministers of the Baptist church, and by another gentleman.

The facts in this case, in the judgment of the committee, furnish no grounds for the relief prayed for. The committee report the following resolution :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Blair and Rives, printers.