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JOHN BROWN.

JULY 10, 1840.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. GIDDINGS, from the Committee of Claims, submitted the following

REPORT :

The Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the papers in the case of John Brown, report :

That the claimant sets forth, in an affidavit accompanying his account against the United States, that he entered the service as a volunteer in a company commanded by E. A. Hannigan, raised in the county of Laporte, Indiana, under a call from the Governor of said State for volunteers, to remove the Pottawatomie Indians from the land they had been occupying in said State to the country west of the Mississippi; that, while in said service, his mare (which he values at \$80) took sick and died, as he verily believes, from fatigue, and from the bad quality of the food furnished.

The evidence offered is not sufficient to establish the facts set forth in the claimant's affidavit; but if the facts were established by the most indisputable testimony, they would not bring the claim within any rule adopted by the committee in recommending relief in such cases, (see Reps. No. 921 and No. 1060, 2d sess. 25th Cong. ;) and, therefore, the committee offer, for the adoption of the House, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the claimant is not entitled to relief.