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Report : Petition of J. Johnston

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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 21, 1840.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HUBBARD made the following

REPORT :

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the claim of Adam Hall for remuneration for two horses lost in the service of the United States in 1814, report :

That the claimant was in the service of the United States in an expedition against the Creek Indians with a team of horses employed in transporting the blacksmith's tools belonging to the brigade, and two of the horses of said team died, and, it is alleged, from excessive fatigue or want of forage.

There is no testimony who employed the claimant, nor on what terms he was employed, whether the risk to which the horses must unavoidably be exposed was his own or not, or whether he was to procure his supply of forage; nor is the testimony at all conclusive that they died for want of forage. With this deficiency in the testimony, the committee report the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Chair & Rives, printers.