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CHARLES HOWE.

FEBRUARY 9, 1842.
Read, and laid upon the table.

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

REPORT :

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Howe, report :

That the petitioner claims compensation for personal property destroyed at Indian Key, Florida, in 1840, by hostile Indians.

It appears that the petitioner, at the time of the destruction of his property, was, and for several years before had been, inspector of customs, to reside and perform his duties at Indian Key; that while residing there, as his duty required, his property was destroyed.

The officers of the Government, both civil and military, in time of peace and in time of war, take office, with the risks and hazards of the service, for the emoluments allowed by law. Government is not liable to pay for the property of an officer destroyed by an enemy. This principle, it is believed, has never been departed from. The committee do not consider the facts of this case to furnish good ground for relief, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.