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HEIRS OF CORNELIUS D. GOOCH.

MAY 20, 1842.

Laid upon the table.

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

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of C. D. Gooch, report:

The case of the petitioner is fully stated in the affidavit of his witness, Robert Brown, of which the following is a copy:

“State of Missouri, County of Howard, sct:

“Be it remembered that, on this 4th day of February, 1839, came before me, William Taylor, a justice of the peace within and for said county, Robert Brown, and made oath that, in the year 1810, he, the said Brown, was acquainted with one Cornelius Gooch, then living in St. Charles county, Missouri; that, about the year 1810, the Sioux and Fox Indians stole some of said Gooch’s property; that said Gooch followed said Indians, and retook his property; on his return home said Indians followed him, and killed him; and that, shortly after, this affiant assisted in burying said Gooch, who then had a wife and one child, whose name, I think, is Chepoill; and further saith not.

“ROBERT BROWN.

“Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year above mentioned.

“WILLIAM TAYLOR,
“Justice of the Peace.”

The petitioner does not allege any other facts, besides those stated in this affidavit, except that others have been compensated under similar circumstances.

The committee do not know of any claim, resting upon the principles of this, that has been allowed.

It is thirty-two years since Cornelius Gooch, the alleged father of the petitioner, was killed. The property which was taken from him he retook. There is no proof what property was taken, and no estimate of its value, or the damage done to it, is furnished. There is also no evidence to prove that the petitioner is the son or heir of Cornelius Gooch. The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.