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Report : Petition of R. Barclay

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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 9, 1844.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PEARCE made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 150.]

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Barclay, of the State of Missouri, report:

That, on the 3d of March, 1802, the petitioner made application to Delassus, the Spanish Lieutenant Governor of the then province of Louisiana, for a concession of eight hundred arpens of land on the river au Bœuf; and that, on the 6th of March, he obtained from the said Lieutenant Governor an order of survey accordingly. In January, 1804, a survey was made for him, and a plat and certificate were made out for him in February, 1804. The petitioner seems to have supposed that his grant was on the Laminé river, where he lived until the year 1814, when he was driven off by the Indians, as he alleges; and when he ascertained that his grant was on the river ~~Bœuf~~, instead of the Laminé, all the lands at the mouth of that river, including his intended settlement, had been sold by the Government of the United States, or otherwise disposed of. This concession of the Spanish commander and Lieutenant Governor was confirmed by Frederick Bates, recorder of land titles for Missouri, in his report of February 2, 1816, and that report was confirmed by the 2d section of the act of Congress of 1816, ch. 159. In 1827, a bill was reported in the Senate for the relief of the petitioner, and passed that body, but failed in the House of Representatives for want of time.

The committee think the petitioner entitled to compensation in other lands subject to private entry, and report a bill accordingly.