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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

FEBRUARY 7, 1822.

Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Walker, of Indiana,

REPORTED:

The petitioner states that, during the late war with Great Britain, the Indians had become troublesome on the frontiers of the state of Indiana; that Colonel George Hunt was ordered by General Harrison to protect the inhabitants from their depredations, by calling into the service several companies of the militia at different times, and to furnish them with provisions. The petitioner states, that he was employed and appointed to furnish them with provisions, during the time they should be in the service, which was accordingly done. He further states, that the detached situation of the different companies was such, being scattered around an extensive settlement, that it was impossible to issue regular rations, and obtain the usual vouchers for the same. The provisions were therefore furnished as they were required, under the direction and inspection of the commanding officer of each company. For all which he has received payment, except the provisions furnished Captain William Holman's company, which continued in service about three months. The petitioner has stated his account and made an affidavit of the correctness of the same. He has also introduced the evidence of the ensign of the company, together with several others to corroborate his own affidavit. From the letter of the Third Auditor, it appears that Captain Holman's company was in the service of the United States from the 28th of November, 1812, to the 28th of February, 1813; and that they have been paid for that period of time. From the number contained in the company, it appears that a greater quantity of rations would be than the supplies charged by Mr. Walker would constitute. The committee are of opinion that the petitioner has an equitable claim for the settlement of his accounts. They, therefore, report a bill for his relief.