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JANUARY 14, 1834.

Read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. E. WHITTLESEY, from the Committee of Claims, made the following REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, instructed by a resolution to inquire into the expediency of making compensation to James McCarty for a horse belonging to him, which was wounded in an engagement with the Indians during the last war, while in the possession of Duff Green, report:

That Colonel Nicholas Miller testifies he was an acting colonel in General Hopkins's expedition in 1812, and commanded the third regiment, and that James McCarty was his quartermaster. He says that, at Miller's defeat at Tippecanoe, Duff Green, of Washington city, rode a mare that belonged to said McCarty, worth seventy dollars; and that she was shot by the Indians and badly wounded, and dwindled away, and was, as he believes, on account of said wound, of no value; and he has understood that shortly afterwards she died.

The chairman of this committee addressed a letter to General Green, requesting him to state all the facts within his knowledge in any way relating to the claim. He says he was one of a corps of sixty-two who went out of camp to bring in the body of his messmate, a Mr. Dun, who was killed by the Indians, and that he borrowed the mare in question of the person who had charge of her; that the party was led into an ambuscade, and sixteen out of the sixty-two were killed, and seven wounded. He says the mare was badly wounded in the neck, and he did not think she would recover; but it being nothing more than a flesh wound, she did recover, and he having understood she belonged to Mr. McCarty, several years afterwards he offered him seventy-five or eighty dollars for her, which was more than she was worth, but that he was willing to give it, because she had saved his life. He thinks those who supposed she died of the wound must have been misinformed. This statement most conclusively shows that the witness, Miller, is entirely mistaken. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the claimant is not entitled to relief.