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AUGUSTA, GEORGIA—ADVANCES—FLORIDA WAR.

MARCH 3, 1837.

Read, and laid upon the table.

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

REPORT :

The Committee of Claims, to which was referred the claim of the city of Augusta, Georgia, report :

That the claim is for money raised in said city, and distributed to the volunteers that went from there to the defence of Florida.

Three thousand one hundred and eighty dollars appear to have been paid to F. M. Robertson, captain commanding the Richmond Blues, on the 21st of October, 1836. In an affidavit made by Captain Robertson, he states that he received said sum of money, and that he paid over to the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the "Richmond Blues," under his command, the sum of thirty dollars each; and that said money was, to the best of his knowledge and belief, applied by the said non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, to the purchase of necessaries for the campaign in Florida.

On the 21st day of October, 1836, the said corporative authorities advanced [a sum of money, not named in the report.] to Captain Samuel Bones, commanding the Richmond Hussars, raised in Augusta for the service in Florida.

The affidavit of Captain Bones is similar to that of Captain Robertson.

There was paid a further sum to Captain Robertson of five hundred dollars: which he states, in his affidavit, was applied for necessaries. It does not appear what necessaries were purchased. If they were such as are allowed to the troops in the service of the United States, or if they come within the construction given, by the Secretary of War, to the act of May 28, 1836, the claims can be settled at the Treasury Department. If they were not such as were allowed to the troops, nor such as can be paid for under the act mentioned, the committee wish to know what they were, and whether they were of the character that the United States should allow to other troops.

The committee refer to a report made by them, at the present session, on a bill from the Senate for the relief of the city of Mobile, and to a report made on the claim for the re-payment of money advanced by the corporation of Washington; and other citizens of Wilkes county, Georgia, to certain volunteers engaged to aid in the suppression of Indian hostilities at the south. For their views on this subject, the following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the above claim, and that the same be laid on the table.