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William W. West, assignee of Daniel C. Clark.

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Mr. E. Whittlesey, from the Committee of Claims, made the following report:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William W. West, assignee of Daniel C. Clark, report:

That this claim is contained in the petition of Charles Smith and some other persons, of whom William W. West is one; and as the claims are separate, the committee report on them separately.

The petitioner presents the following account:

The United States to Daniel C. Clark,  

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>To one horse for William Lewis</td>
<td>$90.00</td>
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<td>To one horse for William Davis</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
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<td>To one horse for Martin Shattieen</td>
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We, W. C. Smith and Daniel S. Graham, appointed by James D. Parish, colonel of the 9th regiment Florida militia, to appraise and value the horses and other property required for and taken into the public service, for the use of the volunteers in the Seminole campaign, do hereby certify that we have examined the above-mentioned three several horses bought from Daniel C. Clark, valued at the sum of three hundred and ten dollars, and believe said valuation to be just and true.

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of December, A. D. 1835.

WILKINS C. SMITH,  
D. S. GRAHAM,  
Appraisers.

I, John B. Collins, assistant quartermaster of the 9th regiment Florida militia, do hereby certify that the above-mentioned three several horses, bought from Daniel C. Clark, and valued at the sum of three hundred and ten dollars, were required for and have been received into the public service; and I believe the foregoing valuation to be just and true.

Monticello, this 29th of December, A. D. 1835.

JOHN B. COLLINS, Assistant Quartermaster.

I certify the above appraisement to be just and true.

JAMES D. PARISH,  
Col. Commandant 9th regiment Florida militia.

Thomas Allen, print.
There is an assignment on the back of the account from Mr. Clark to Mr. West.

It appears from the account that these horses were purchased for three men, said to be volunteers. This corps of troops furnish their own horses. There is no authority proven to have been given to Mr. Collins to purchase horses for the public service.

The appraisement was not made under oath; the papers are defective; but if it were otherwise, the purchase was made by an officer who had no authority to make it, and the horses were put to a service for the performance of which a volunteer furnishes his own horse. The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.