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WILLIAM W. PAULETT.

MAY 11, 1838.

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 William W. Paulett, report:

That the following claim is presented:

The UNITED STATES, to W. W. PAULETT.....Dr.

1834. For burning house by the hostile Creek Indians, with the following articles, to wit:

Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$295 00
1 bed furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
1 gun	-	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
Cloth	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
House furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00

\$425 00

At the foot of this account is a certificate, signed by five persons, that Mr. Paulett's house was burnt by the hostile Creek Indians, and that they think the account is reasonable. John H. Brodnax has given a separate certificate that the house was burnt in the town of Tallassee, where he commanded a military post during the Creek disturbances.

These statements are not under oath, and could not be received to sustain a claim against the United States; but, admitting the destruction to have taken place as stated, the United States are not responsible for the loss. Such have been the uniform decisions in all cases similar to the one now under consideration, from the commencement of the Government to the present time. The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That the claim ought not to be allowed.

Thomas Allen, print.