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ALFRED WESTFALL.
[To accompany Senate bill No. 201.]

JULY 7, 1838.

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

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

REPORT :

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 201, for the relief of Alfred Westfall, report :

That the bill provides for the payment of a horse and equipage, the horse having died in the campaign against the Sac and Fox Indians on the Northwestern frontier, in the summer of the year 1832, while employed in the military service of the United States. The bill does not state the cause of the death. The report of the Committee of Claims in the Senate, and a letter from Mr. Hagner, are referred to. The only proof of the loss of the horse is, that his horse was reduced ; that Lieutenant Morris was detached from him about two weeks, and when he joined the party, he understood that Westfall's horse was abandoned, having become too weak to travel ; that Lieutenant Morris did not see Westfall himself until he returned home, as Westfall left on furlough and returned home in a steamboat. This testimony is quite too loose and vague, of itself, to prove a loss. But it appears from the rolls that Westfall was furloughed on the 4th of August, 1832 ; and in a deposition he gave, which is in the office of the Third Auditor, he stated his horse died on the 15th of August, which was eleven days after his furlough. The committee concur in the remark made by Mr. Hagner, that " for a loss sustained by a claimant while on furlough, no allowance can be made."

The following resolution is submitted :

Resolved, That Senate bill No. 201, for the relief of Alfred Westfall, ought not to pass.

Thomas Allen, print.