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ALLEN G. JOHNSON AND OTHERS.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA,

CONCERNING

The payment of Allen G. Johnson and others, for services in the Florida war, and additional evidence in support of the petition before the Committee on Military Affairs.

JANUARY 31, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS relative to militia service, &c.

Whereas the governor of the Territory of Florida, in the year 1839, was authorized by an act of the legislative council to raise a force consisting of several companies of militia, for the protection of the frontier, which companies were mustered into the service for a period of six months: and whereas the government of the United States assumed the payment of those troops subsequent to their being mustered into the Territorial service, and before the expiration of the period for which they were mustered, were received and mustered into the service of the United States for payment, and turned over to the command of a United States officer: and whereas eleven men, commanded by Allen G. Johnson, were rejected by the mustering officer of the United States: and whereas said men did perform service in defence of the frontier for a period of two months and fifteen days, and, in consequence of their being rejected by said mustering officer of the United States, have not received any pay for said service: and whereas said services were necessary, and said men were received by the mustering officer of the Territorial government raised for the protection of the frontier: Therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our Senators and Representative in Congress be requested to lay the matter before Congress, and use their best exertions to obtain an appropriation to pay the said claims of said men.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and reso-

lution, properly authenticated, be forwarded to our Senators and Representative in Congress.

Adopted by the House of Representatives December 23, 1845.

J. FERGUSON, JR.,
Speaker House of Representatives.
M. D. PAPY,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Adopted by the Senate December 24, 1845.

JAS. A. BERTHELOT,
President of the Senate.
THOS. F. KING,
Secretary of the Senate.

Approved December 26, 1845.

W. D. MOSELEY.

STATE OF FLORIDA:

I, William D. Moseley, governor of Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true transcript from the original resolutions on file in the office of the Secretary of State, and that the same faith and credit are due to the transcript aforesaid as are due to the originals in the State Department.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the State to be
[L. s.] affixed at the capitol, in Tallahassee, this second December, A. D. 1846.

W. D. MOSELEY,
Governor of Florida.

By the governor:

JAMES T. ARCHER,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF FLORIDA, *Hamilton county:*

Personally came before the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for said county, James Lee, sen., who, being duly sworn, says on oath, that he served in the company of Capt. Allen G. Johnson, commencing on the 6th of September, 1839, and ending on the 6th January, 1840; that the company was a company of mounted volunteers, and operated against the Seminole Indians in Florida; that James Lee, jr., rendered service also in said company; also William Langford, Jesse Langford, Burrell Douglass, and James Walker rendered service in said company, from the date of commencing to the 30th November thereafter, at which time they were discharged by Captain S. P. Heintzelman, U. S. mustering officer; that the said persons were well mounted, and performed all the service required of them; that the said before-named persons were not paid for their services, and that it is still due. Deponent further says, that Hinton J. Towler, Stephen Hall, Henry Hall, Burrell Yates, Eli Bassett, and Madison Boit, volunteered and joined Captain Johnson's company on the 26th of October, 1839, and were also discharged on the same day (30th

November) by Captain Heintzelman, U. S. mustering officer. Deponent also says that the whole of said discharged men did, while in service, perform all the service required of them, and were kept in the field for active service, and did perform service, as above stated.

his
JAMES + LEE, SEN.
mark.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th day of November, 1846.

JAMES T. STEWART,
Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF FLORIDA, *Hamilton county:*

Personally came before the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for said county, James Lee, jr., who, being duly sworn, says on oath, that he was a mounted volunteer in Captain Allen G. Johnson's company, operating against the Seminole Indians in Florida. Deponent joined said company on the 6th of September, 1839, was taken to the field and performed active service until the 30th November thereafter, on which day deponent was discharged from service by Capt. S. P. Heintzelman, U. S. mustering officer; that deponent has never received pay, or any part of pay, for said service.

his
JAMES + LEE, JR.
mark.

Sworn and subscribed to this 9th day of November, 1846.

JAMES T. STEWART,
Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF FLORIDA, *Hamilton county:*

Personally came before me, a justice of the peace in and for said county, Captain Allen G. Johnson, who, being duly sworn, says on oath: I commanded a company of mounted Florida volunteers, in service against the Seminole Indians, for four months, commencing on the 6th September, 1839, and ending on the 6th January, 1840; that William Langford, Jesse Langford, James Lee, jr., Burrell Douglass, and James Walker joined said company on the day of commencing; that Burrell Yates, Hinton J. Towler, Stephen Hall, Eli Bassett, Madison Boit, and Henry Hall, joined my company on the 28th of October; that the said volunteers were discharged on the 30th November, by Capt. S. P. Heintzelman, U. S. mustering officer; the said volunteers rendered good and efficient service, and were discharged contrary to my wish; the company was raised by order of Governor Call; that they were discharged without pay, and that their pay is still due.

ALLEN G. JOHNSON.

Sworn to and subscribed this 17th November, 1846.

JAMES T. STEWART,
Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF FLORIDA, *Hamilton county:*

Personally came before the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for said county, Hansford R. Alford, who, being duly sworn, says on oath: I was first lieutenant in Captain Allen G. Johnson's company of mounted volunteers operating against the Seminole Indians in Florida, commencing on the 6th day of September, 1839, and ending the 6th day of January, 1840; that James Lee, jr., William Langford, Jesse Langford, Burrel Douglass, and James Walker volunteered on the day of commencing; that Hinton J. Towler, Stephen Hall, Henry Hall, Burrel Yates, Eli Bassett, and Madison Boit, volunteered and joined said company on the 28th October, 1839, and the said volunteers were discharged from service on the 30th November thereafter by Captain Heintzelman, U. S. mustering officer, without pay; that the said volunteers were taken and kept in the field for active service, and rendered all the service required of them; they were also well armed and mounted; and that he believes the cause of their being discharged was, there were more men in service than were authorized.

H. R. ALFORD,
First Lieutenant.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th November, 1846.

JAMES T. STEWART,
Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF FLORIDA:

I, James T. Archer, secretary of state of the State of Florida, do hereby certify that James T. Stewart, whose signature is subscribed to the instruments of writing hereto annexed, is, and was at the time of signing the same, a justice of the peace in and for the first justice's district in the county of Hamilton, in this State, duly commissioned and qualified, and that full faith and credit are due to his official acts.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and
affixed the great seal of the State of Florida,
[L. s. at the capitol, in the city of Tallahassee,
this first day of November, A. D. 1846.

JAMES T. ARCHER,
Secretary of State.