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WILLIAM HENRY.

AUGUST 20, 1842.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. COWEN, from the Committee of Claims, submitted the following

**REPORT:**

*The Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of William Henry, report:*

The petitioner represents that he made great sacrifices and spent much time, in the Territory of Wisconsin, in the year 1827, in discharging duties which devolved upon him as chairman of a committee of safety, which was appointed by the people of the district of country where he resided, to guard the inhabitants against the depredations of the Winnebago Indians. He represents that he has received no compensation whatever for his sacrifices and services, and asks pay from the United States.

There are many considerations which, as the committee think, require a rejection of this claim. The services were not called for, nor tendered to or accepted by the United States. It would be a most pernicious example to sanction claims for services rendered voluntarily by citizens, upon the call of their neighbors, upon any supposed necessity or public exigency, without consultation with those having authority from the Government. But the committee deem it unnecessary to dwell upon the reasons which induce them to report against this claim, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.