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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 5, 1849.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS, of Mississippi, made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 197.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill from the House of Representatives, No. 197, have had the same under consideration, and report:

That it appears that the widow of Antonio Pacheco, a resident of Florida, in the year 1835 hired a negro slave to Captain J. C. Casey, assistant quartermaster, United States army, to act as a guide and interpreter to the command of Major Dade; that in the massacre of said command said negro escaped or was captured—which, is not satisfactorily shown. In 1837, said slave was re-captured by a detachment under the command of General Jesup, United States army, and being believed a person who would prove dangerous to the peace and safety of the inhabitants of Florida if set at liberty in that territory, said General Jesup ordered him to be sent to New Orleans with the Seminoles, and with them emigrated to the west, where he became totally lost to his owner. The slave having thus been taken for public use, the committee deem the obligation to make compensation therefor complete, and report the bill sent from the House of Representatives back to the Senate without amendment, and with a recommendation that it do pass.