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Report No. 202.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JAMES MONROE.

FEBRUARY 9, 1848.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. J. H. THOMAS, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Monroe, report:

That the petitioner asks to be indemnified for three horses which he alleges to have lost in the public service: the first "of snake bite," the second "of dislocation of the shoulder," and the third "with the cholera."

The case not coming within the rules usually respected by Congress when acting upon such cases, and not being supported by sufficient testimony even if it did, the committee find it to be their duty to recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

To the honorable Senators and Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

Your petitioner, the undersigned, of Crawford county, and State of Indiana, would humbly state the following facts to be most faithful and true:

That in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen (1813) he was a soldier, commonly called a "ranger," commanded by Captain Williamson Dunn, in the Indian war, in the then territory of Indiana. That the undersigned took into said service one yellow

bay mare, worth about eighty-five (85) dollars, which died in said service of snake bite, in the Delaware campaign.

The undersigned would furthermore state, soon after losing the first mare, he purchased another horse, commonly called an "Indian pony," worth about sixty dollars. This horse also died, while on the Missinaway campaign, of dislocation of the shoulder. The undersigned was now compelled to purchase another nag, or else leave the service. This third was a bright sorrel mare, worth about eighty-five dollars, which he took into said service. This last mare soon died with the cholera. Thus it was that he successively lost three horses while in the service of his government.

The undersigned would also state that no compensation whatever has been received by him, or any part of the same. He would, therefore humbly pray that you, the Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled, would, after duly considering his losses, make such appropriations for his relief as the merits of his case shall demand; and, as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

JAMES MONROE.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
Crawford county, } sct.

Be it remembered, that on the 15th day of April, 1846, personally came the above-named James Monroe, of said county and State, before the undersigned justice of the peace in and for said county and State, and being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that the matters and things contained in the above statement relative to the losses incurred by him in said war are true.

JAMES MONROE.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, Z. Leavenworth, a justice of the peace in and for said county, this 15th day of April, 1846.

ZEBULON LEAVENWORTH, J. P.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
Crawford county. }

I, Samuel Sands, clerk of the circuit court of Crawford county, in the State of Indiana, do hereby certify that the above-named Zebulon Leavenworth is duly commissioned and qualified, and acting as justice of the peace in and for said county.

Witness, Samuel Sands, clerk, and the seal of my said office, at Leavenworth, in said county and State, this 15th day of April, A. D. 1846.

[SEAL.]

SAMUEL SANDS, C. C. C.

Statement of Williamson Dunn, late captain of the United States Rangers.

MADISON, January 14, 1846.

I commanded a company of rangers, which were mustered into the service of the United States some time in the spring of 1813. James Monroe, now a citizen of Leavenworth, Indiana, was a soldier in said company; he brought into the service with him a yellow bay or light sorrel mare, worth about seventy-five or eighty dollars; some time in the summer I understood that his mare had been bitten by a snake, and had died. I have no recollection now of having seen the beast after she was bitten. The company was scattered along on the frontier of the settlement, and of course I could not be at every station at the same time, and perhaps that was the reason why I did not see the animal. I think, however, there is no doubt of the animal having died while in the service of the United States. He claims to have lost two other horses during the time he was in the service. I am unable to recollect anything certain about the others he claims to have lost; but one thing I am certain of, that after the loss of the first he had another. I know he was mounted when we started on the Missinaway campaign, which was after the loss of the first; and I can only say, that there is rather an indistinct impression on my mind, that he had a horse in the service called the Indian pony, and that some accident happened it, but of this I cannot speak with certainty. As to the other he claims to have lost on the same campaign, I have no recollection of the circumstance. This may be accounted for, from the fact that the army separated, I think, the second day after we left Tippecanoe, on our return. Three companies of rangers and some of the militia took a direction for Louisville or the eastern settlements. The other division took the route for Vincennes. This latter division I accompanied on business, and I presume the loss was after the separation. My company was one of the three before named. According to my recollection, Monroe was as careful of his beast as other men in the service; and further this deponent saith not.

WILLIAMSON DUNN.

Attest:
W. M. DUNN.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
Jefferson County, } ss.

This day, personally appeared before the undersigned, William M. Dunn, a notary public, within and for the county aforesaid, the above named Williamson Dunn, and subscribed the above statement,

and being by me first duly sworn, upon his oath, saith: That the above statement, signed by him, is true in substance and fact.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
[L. s.] and affixed my official seal, in the county aforesaid,
this 14th day of January, 1846.

WILLIAM M. DUNN,
N. P. J. C.

THE STATE OF INDIANA, }
Jefferson County, } *sct.*

I, John H. Taylor, clerk of the circuit court of said county, do hereby certify, that William M. Dunn, esq., before whom the within affidavit was subscribed and sworn to, and who has certified the same, was at the time of so doing, and still is, a notary public, within and for the said county, duly commissioned and qualified; and that full faith and credit are due and ought to be given to all of his official acts, as such. And that the signature thereto attached, purporting to be his, is genuine.

In testimony, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
[L. s.] the seal of said court, at Madison, this 20th day of
January, A. D. 1846.

JNO. H. TAYLOR, *Clerk.*

By BEN. B. TAYLOR, *Dep. Clerk.*