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Report No. 397.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JACOB YEARTY.

MARCH 15, 1848.

Laid upon the table.

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

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Yearty, report:

That the petitioner asks for indemnity for property alleged to have been destroyed by hostile Indians. The United States do not pay for property wantonly destroyed by an enemy. The government does not insure against depredations committed by the Indians, although it endeavors to obtain indemnity from the Indians for its injured citizens. But, besides this objection, there is another equally fatal—the claim is not supported by legal evidence. The committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following resolution:

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

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States:

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
Russell county. }

The petition, of Jacob Yearty, of the county and State aforesaid, respectfully sheweth unto your honorable bodies, that in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six your petitioner was a citizen of Jefferson county, in the Territory of Florida, and lived about nine miles from old St. Mark's, in said territory, and that during the

residence of your petitioner in said territory there existed among the Indians of said territory hostilities to the citizens thereof. And your petitioner further showeth that he was compelled to leave his house and home, on account of the near approach of said Indians, and so great was the danger, that your petitioner was unable to carry away any of his goods and chattels upon the premises, which consisted of bedding, bed clothes, household furniture, all his corn, about nine head of cattle, about fifty head of hogs, one hundred pounds of pork, together with his dwelling and out-houses; all of which were destroyed by the hostile Indians; which said depredations rendered your petitioner entirely destitute. Your petitioner would therefore respectfully ask of your honorable bodies relief and remuneration for his losses. And your petitioner thinks that said property which he lost, was worth five hundred dollars.

JACOB YEARTY.

NOVEMBER 22, 1847.

Test: THOS. M. KEMP.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
Russell county.

Personally appeared before me, William B. Martin, a notary public in and for the county and State aforesaid, Sarah Jewell, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith: That Jacob Yearty lived in the Territory of Florida, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, in Jefferson county, about nine miles of old St. Mark's, and that he lost his dwelling-house, all his corn and out-houses, bedding and clothing, nine head of cattle, fifty head of hogs, about one hundred pounds of pork; all of which said property was burnt and destroyed by the hostile Indians of said territory; and she believes the said property to have been worth the sum of five hundred dollars.

SARAH JEWELL.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this twenty-second of November, 1847.

Given under my hand and seal of office.

[L. s.]

WILLIAM B. MARTIN,
Notary Public.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
Russell county.

Personally appeared before me, Vincent C. Kirkland, an acting justice of the peace for said county, Dorcas Jewell, who being sworn, saith that Jacob Yearty lived in the Territory of Florida, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, in Jefferson county, about nine miles from old St. Mark's; and that he lost his dwelling-house

and out-houses, bedding and clothing, nine head of cattle, fifty head of hogs, about one hundred pounds of pork; all of which said property was burned and destroyed by the hostile Indians of said territory; and she believes the said property to have been worth five hundred dollars.

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DORCAS T. ✕ JEWELL,
mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 31st day of December, 1847.

VINCENT C. KIRKLAND, J. P.