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Report No. 754.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

S. B. OLMSTEAD.

JULY 12, 1848.

Laid upon the table.

Mr. JOHN A. ROCKWELL, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of S. B. Olmstead, report:

That, in their opinion, the petitioner has not a legal claim upon the treasury; he has failed to make out even a *prima facie* case. Annexed will be found the papers which constitute the whole case, as presented to the committee.

CLAYTON COUNTY, (IOWA,) February 7, 1848.

DEAR SIR: Enclosed is an affidavit of Amasa Parker, respecting a horse and saddle that I had burnt whilst in the employ of the United States military department. The quartermaster at Fort Atkinson employed Mr. Parker to stay at the post called Fort Linton, until troops could be sent there; and during the second night of his stay at the post the stable was fired by the Indians, (as was supposed,) and the horse, saddle, and bridle consumed. The stable had a large quantity of hay in it, and, consequently, burnt so rapidly that it was impossible to save anything. The affidavit was forwarded to the War Department, and the decision was, that they could not pay for the horse unless by a special act of Congress to that effect. If you will present it to the Com-

mittee of Claims, and get them to recommend an allowance of the claim, you will confer a great favor upon your friend,

S. B. OLMSTEAD.

Hon. S. LEFFLER.

P. S.—The question is almost daily asked, if the Winnebago Indians will be removed the coming summer. I wish you would inform me what the probability is of their removal.

STATE OF IOWA, }
Clayton county, } ss.

This day personally came before the undersigned, one of the notaries public in and for said county, Amasa Parker, who, being first duly sworn on his oath, saith: That on the 5th day of November last he was employed by Joel Post to go to the establishment erected by the Iowa dragoon volunteers, and known as "Fort Linton," for the purpose of watching the buildings and public property which had that day been evacuated and left by the dragoons. Deponent states that he remained at this post during that day and the following night, during the whole of which time he kept an active watch; that on the night of the 6th he laid down for rest, when he was aroused by the yells of several persons, (supposed by this deponent to be Indians,) and at the same time discovered the stables and hay belonging to the post to be on fire in several places. Deponent also states that the horse which he had rode to the place was at that time in one of the stables, and so surrounded by flames that it was impossible for this deponent to remove him. Deponent had borrowed said horse of Samuel B. Olmstead, and this deponent believes that said horse was worth seventy-five dollars. Deponent further states that a new Spanish saddle and a bridle, belonging with said horse, were consumed at the same time, and he believes they were worth twenty dollars; and further this deponent saith not.

AMASA PARKER.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of January, 1847.

DAN. OLMSTED, [SEAL.]
Notary Public.