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S. B. Olmstead.
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,

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 Novem-
ber 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 dra-
goons. Dependent 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, (sup-
posed by this deponent to be Indians,) and at the same time dis-
covered the stables and hay belonging to the post to be on fire in
several places. Dependent 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. Dependent had borrowed said horse of Samuel B.
Olmstead, and this deponent believes that said horse was worth
seventy-five dollars. Dependent 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.

Notary Public.