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WILLIAM S. OSBORNE.

JANUARY 29, 1850.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FINIS E. McLEAN, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of William S. Osborne, report:

That they have given a careful consideration to the memorial, and find in it nothing to distinguish it from the many of its class which have been presented and rejected by Congress. The claim is based upon the loss of property by the savages in the year 1849, in the valley of the Rio Grande. The petitioner purchased a deserted Mexican ranche, and proceeded to improve it, planting his crop, &c., until the hostile Indians came upon him, and destroyed his crop and other property, leaving him poor. Soon afterwards, he joined, and very justly, a company of rangers called out by the governor of Texas to chastise the savages. In a fight with the Indians, the petitioner received a wound in the instep, from which he suffered pain and injury; yet the committee are of opinion that this constitutes no valid claim against the United States, there being no statement in the petition, even, that he has not received his pay as a soldier. Nor does the claim in the petition, set forth appear to be based on these services, but mainly upon the losses sustained in the destruction of his property by the Indians. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of William S. Osborne, for losses sustained by the destruction of his property by Indians in the valley of the Rio Grande, in the year 1849, ought not to be granted.