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**John A. Sims. (To accompany bill H.R. no. 462.).**

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JESSE MORRISON.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 463.]

JULY 19, 1856.

Mr. SAPP, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the claim of Jesse Morrison, of Illinois, for damages in being dispossessed of his store-house at Fort Jackson, Michigan Territory, by the troops of the United States, and for rent of the same during the Black Hawk war, submit the following report:*

That they find that during the Black Hawk war Mr. Morrison was a merchant at Mineral Point, then in Michigan Territory, and now in the State of Wisconsin, where he had a large stock of merchandise. It became necessary for the accommodation of the army to occupy his store-house building for public purposes, and a requisition was made in due form by the proper officer for the delivery up of the building for the public use. Mr. Morrison, therefore, was obliged to break up and move his store of goods, and give up his store-house for the use of the United States military force then stationed there. It is proved to the satisfaction of the committee, that the damage to Mr. Morrison in breaking up his business and the rent of his store-house would amount to the sum claimed, which is five hundred dollars. After the close of the war, Mr. Morrison made application to the Secretary of War to be reimbursed for his loss and damage; but, while the justice of the claim was not disputed, it was alleged that no law then existed to authorize the payment thereof. The committee submit as a part of their report the bill presented against the United States at the time, together with the order of the commanding officer, and the other evidence in the case. It is clear to your committee that the government is liable in this case, and they report a bill accordingly and recommend its passage.

*The United States to Jesse Morrison.*

DR.

1832, Oct. 15. For the occupancy of his store-house at Mineral Point, for the storing of public stores during the late Indian war, possession taken by order of John Moore, captain commanding the fort, five hundred dollars..... \$500 00

JESSE MORRISON.

JUNE 6, 1832.

SIR: We shall be compelled to occupy all the houses within the fort for public uses. You will please pack up your goods or secure them, as you may think proper, in the early part of the day. Should this notice be neglected, men will be detailed for the purpose.

Respectfully,

JOHN MOORE,  
*Captain Commanding, Fort Jackson.*

Mr. PRENTICE.

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Personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace in and for the county of Jo Daviess, State of Illinois, Milo H. Prentice, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he is the person to whom the within order was directed, and that he was agent for Jesse Morrison in selling goods at Fort Jackson, Iowa county, Michigan Territory, and that he did, in obedience to said order, pack and remove the goods of said Morrison and give possession of said Morrison's store-house to the said John Moore making the order, and that the sum of five hundred dollars charged for the occupancy of said store is reasonable and just.

MILO H. PRENTICE.

Subscribed and sworn to, this 14th October, 1832, before me.

WM. SMITH,  
*Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid.*

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GALENA, December 2, 1832.

I certify that George B. Cole acted as quartermaster of the militia during the Indian war, and John Moore captain commanding Fort Jackson, Iowa county, Michigan Territory, during the Indian war, and that the store-house of Mr. Jesse Morrison was taken by the order of Captain Moore for the use of the public, and used for the safe-keeping of provision supplies, as well as arms and the necessary munitions of war. Mr. Morrison had, at the time his house was taken possession of, a valuable assortment of merchandise.

H. DODGE,  
*Late Colonel of Militia, Iowa County, Michigan Territory.*

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JUNE 30, 1832.

I hereby certify that Jesse Morrison has a store-house, used as a commissary's store, at Fort Jackson, taken by order of Captain Moore, commanding said fort.

G. B. COLE,  
*Regimental Quartermaster, Iowa Militia, Michigan Territory.*