

PETITION

OF

HENRY PERRINE,

For a grant of land, for the encouragement of the growth of tropical plants.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1837.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

The memorial of Henry Perrine, Doctor of Medicine, &c., and late American Consul at Campeche, in Yucatan,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That on the 6th day of February, 1832, your memorialist, respectfully directed from the city of New York, to your honorable assembly, a memorial in favor of the immediate domestication of tropical plants in Southern Florida, which resulted in the printed pamphlets of the 1st Session of the 22d Congress, headed Doc. 198, Rep. No. 454, and H. R. 555, a bill to encourage the introduction and promote the cultivation of tropical plants in the United States.

2. The said bill, conveying to your memorialist and his associates, a township of land, on the condition that every section should be forfeited if at least one-fourth thereof should not be occupied and *successfully cultivated* in tropical and other exotic plants *within five years*, was reported on the 26th day of April, 1832, "read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow;" that, as that period had not arrived on the 29th December, 1834, your memorialist respectfully directed from the city of Campeche a supplementary memorial, to solicit that said bill might become a law, with such modifications as the wisdom and justice of that Congress should suggest; and that as said supplementary memorial was not, apparently, ever presented, your memorialist has come to this city of Washington, with the hope of attracting the attention of Congress to the most important enterprise ever proposed by a humble citizen of the United States to promote the prosperity of his country.

3. That to avoid all unnecessary occupation of the time or attention of

either House during the present short session of Congress, your memorialist most respectfully solicits that his petition may be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, before whom he can appear with specimens of tropical plants, accompanied with documents and details to prove the merits of his claims, and the importance of his enterprise to the peace, population, prosperity, and permanency of the Union.

And your memorialist, &c.,

HENRY PERRINE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 8, 1837.

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September 29 1837
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To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:
The memorial of Henry Perrine, Doctor of Medicine, &c. and late Assistant Surgeon in the Army, in Yucatan, Mexico, in relation to the introduction and permanency of tropical plants in the United States.
1. That on the 6th day of February, 1832, your memorialist respectfully directed from the city of New York to your honorable assembly a memorial in favor of the immediate domestication of tropical plants in Southern Florida which resulted in the printed pamphlet of the 1st Session of the 23d Congress headed Doc. 138, Rep. No. 144, and H. R. 565, a bill to encourage the introduction and permanency of tropical plants in the United States.
2. The said bill conveying to your memorialist and his associates a township of land on the condition that every section should be parcelled if at least one fourth thereof should not be occupied and successfully cultivated in tropical and other exotic plants within the year, was reported on the 20th day of April, 1832, read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow, that as that period had not arrived on the 20th December, 1834, your memorialist respectfully directed from the city of Campeche a supplementary memorial to solicit that said bill might become a law, with such modifications as the wisdom and justice of that Congress should suggest; and that as said supplementary memorial was not respectively ever presented your memorialist has come to the city of Washington with the hope of attracting the attention of Congress to the most important enterprise ever proposed by a humble citizen of the United States to promote the permanency of his country.
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