

JOEL CHANDLER.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 113.]

DECEMBER 22, 1837.

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REPORT:

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That it is stated in said petition, that, at the land office at Huntsville, Alabama, the petitioner purchased, among other tracts of land, the east half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-four, in township twelve, range four east, of the lands situated in said district. That, under the act of Congress authorizing the relinquishment of lands purchased under the credit system, the petitioner intended to relinquish said half quarter among others; and, for this purpose, he caused a written memorandum to be made out, before he went to the land office, in which each tract intended to be relinquished was particularly stated, as well as those he intended to pay out. This written statement contained the tract above alluded to, as one piece to be relinquished. This fact is established by the testimony of the individual who made out the statement for petitioner. Petitioner states that he gave the register the written memorandum as above stated, and paid, as he supposed, according to his intention, as therein expressed. That he remained under this impression until a patent was received for said half-quarter section which he thought had been relinquished. Petitioner states, that it was omitted by the mistake of the register, who made the calculations from the written memorandum; and, instead of relinquishing the said piece, as petitioner intended, he made full payment. These facts are established by the oath of the petitioner, and the individual who made out the memorandum. It is also in proof, that the half-quarter section is worthless land. The petitioner prays that he may be allowed to relinquish said land, and appropriate the amount paid thereon towards the purchase of other lands.

The committee, being satisfied from the proof that it was, bona fide, petitioner's intention to have relinquished said land, and that he was prevented from doing so by the mistake of the register, recommend the relief prayed for; and therefore report a bill.

Thomas Allen, print.

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