

AMABLE MONTY.

JANUARY 30, 1838.
Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. SHEPHERD, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Amable Monty, report :

That, from the testimony of the petitioner himself and other witnesses, it appears to the committee that Amable Monty, deceased, father of the petitioner, was a native of Lower Canada, where he continued to reside to the time of his death ; that upon the invasion of that province by our army during the war of the Revolution, said Monty greatly facilitated the movements and operation of our forces, by constructing temporary barracks for the soldiers, furnishing wagons and teams for the transportation of baggage, &c. The petitioner alleges that the compensation to his father for these various services was audited and settled by General Sullivan and Colonel Hazen, of the American army, and amounted in all to \$1,059 05, upon which he claims interest at the rate of 6 per cent. from 18th June, 1776, the time of the alleged adjustment ; and in proof of this debt he exhibits a receipt, purporting to be signed by one William McCarty, which acknowledges to have received of Amable Monty an agreement of General Sullivan, for £260, 11s. 4d., New York currency, and an account certified by Colonel Hazen, for 2,734 livres 10 sols, or shillings, money of the province, with his discharge on the same, dated at St. John's, 18th June, 1776, which the said William McCarty promises to pay on demand. On this receipt is the following endorsement : " Amable Monty, entered register F, page 208, at Philadelphia, Pa. Deposited this day, 2d November, 1786, and a duplicate delivered : L. Fouchee.—Delivered to Mr. Glenny, this 22d January, 1796, who had deposited this paper : L. Fouchee." The original receipt and endorsement are both in the French language. The petitioner contends that William McCarty was quartermaster in the army, and, as such, gave the foregoing receipt ; and that it yet remains due and unpaid. As an explanation of a part of the endorsement, the petitioner states, in his affidavit, that Glenny, who seems to have had possession of the paper for a time, received it for the purpose of collection, and with a view of securing a debt which his father owed him.

The petitioner, through his agents, has made repeated inquiries at the Thomas Allen, print.

Treasury Department, with the hope of obtaining from its records some evidence of the acknowledgment or existence of this claim against the Government. The result, however, has been to show that there is no trace or vestige on the books of the Treasury of any such transaction as that on which the present claim is based; and so far from the endorsement (which is relied on as evidence of an act of registration by the Government) appearing on record, it is positively stated that no one by the name of L. Fouchee (who seems to have made the entry) was attached to the Treasury Department at either of the dates mentioned in the endorsement. It is true that, at the time to which the transaction relates, William McCarty was assistant quartermaster general in the northern division of our army; but there is nothing except the mere character of the receipt itself offered to show that he was in fact the person who signed it, and that by so doing he intended to charge the Government. On the other hand, the entire omission of his character of quartermaster would seem to make it a mere private affair between himself and Monty. But were this clearly shown an official act on the part of McCarty, the probability would be that, upon the settlement of his accounts, either before or after the close of the war, the amount of this receipt was allowed him, and passed to his credit as quartermaster. Your committee feel themselves relieved from the necessity of noticing the many other objections that might well be urged against this claim, as they are satisfied, for the reasons above stated, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.