

Report No. 430.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WILLIAM FITZPATRICK.

MARCH 28, 1848.

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Mr. JOHN A. ROCKWELL, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

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Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

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snagged and died. He was compelled to get another horse to proceed with the regiment. He learns, from other applications made to the War Department for remuneration for horses lost in the service, that there is no existing law authorizing such remuneration. He regularly served out his term of service, and received an honorable discharge at New Orleans, Louisiana, which is now on file in the War Department. He is now without recourse, save by application to your honorable body for relief. He deems it only necessary to present a simple statement of the facts, to insure the action of your honorable body in his behalf. He therefore respectfully solicits that a bill may be passed for his benefit, making an appropriation of seventy-five dollars, to remunerate him for the loss of his said horse; and he will ever pray, &c.

WILLIAM FITZPATRICK.

FAYETTE COUNTY, *ct.* MARCH 28 1847

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of September, 1847.

B. F. GRAVES, J. P.

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