

REPORT

Of the Committee of Claims on the case of Joseph Sills.

JANUARY 23, 1822.

Committed to the committee of the whole to which is committed the report in the case of Heman B. Potter.

DECEMBER 12, 1822.

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The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Sills,

REPORT:

That the petitioner claims one thousand dollars, the alleged value of two small dwelling houses, said to have been destroyed by the enemy, at the village of Black Rock, on the Niagara frontier, and in consequence of a military occupation, as barracks, by the troops of the United States. John G. Camp, late a deputy quartermaster general, testifies, that he has no interest in the claim, and that, by his authority, the buildings in question were occupied as barracks, at the time they were destroyed, on the 30th of December, 1813. General Timothy S. Hopkins testifies, that he was in the service at the time the buildings were destroyed, and that they were occupied by his order. Several other witnesses testify to the occupancy, and the value of the buildings; but all are silent as to the extent of the time they were so occupied. It is believed, however, that, from the history of the transaction, which will be found in the report referred to in the case of Heman B. Potter, that the occupation was a very limited one, and that the case does not differ, in any thing mentioned, from the case above mentioned. The following resolution is, therefore, respectfully submitted:

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

