

CHRISTIAN ROSELIUS.

MARCH 3, 1851.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JAMES THOMPSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Christian Roselius, report:*

That the petitioner, with three others, were the sureties of a former post-master at New Orleans, who becoming a defaulter, they were sued in the circuit court of Louisiana, and a judgment of twelve thousand one hundred and three dollars and thirty-eight cents recovered against them. In October, 1843, Mr. Moringy, one of the sureties, paid five hundred dollars on the judgment, and in February, 1845, by some arrangement the said sureties gave notes payable in 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, and 36 months, and endorsed by each other. The petitioner prays to be discharged from further liability on the payment of the one fourth of the said sum, and alleges that it will absorb all his property if he shall be held for the payment of the whole sum. Your committee cannot see any reason for releasing the petitioner from his liability, that might not be urged in a vast majority of cases of security entered into in which there have been defaulting officers. They therefore report adversely to the prayer of the petitioner, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

