

H. R. 199.

[Report No. 189.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

FEBRUARY 9, 1848.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. E. C. CABELL, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported the following bill :

A BILL

For the relief of John W. Simonton.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the*
4 *Treasury Department, under the direction of the Secretary*
5 *of the Navy, audit and settle the claims of John W. Simon-*
6 *ton and others, owners of the island of Key West, in the*
7 *State of Florida, upon principles of justice and equity, on*
8 *account of its occupancy by the government of the United*
9 *States, as a naval and military post, during the years eigh-*
10 *teen hundred and twenty-three, eighteen hundred and twen-*
11 *ty-four, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, and eighteen*

12 hundred and twenty-six. And in settling it upon these
13 principles, they shall ascertain, as nearly as practicable, the
14 benefits and advantages which accrued to the United States
15 from the occupancy of it, and also the injuries which re-
16 sulted to the owners of it, and to pay the same out of any
17 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

FEBRUARY 9, 1847.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the
state of the Union.

Mr. E. C. CARROLL, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, re-
ported the following bill:

A BILL

For the relief of John W. Simonton.

1 He is enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-
2 sentatives of the United States of America in Congress
3 assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the
4 Treasury Department, under the direction of the Secretary
5 of the Navy, audit and settle the claims of John W. Simon-
6 ton and others, owners of the island of Key West in the
7 State of Florida, upon principles of justice and equity, on
8 account of its occupancy by the Government of the United
9 States as a naval and military post during the years eigh-
10 teen hundred and twenty-three, eighteen hundred and twen-
11 ty-four, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, and eighteen