

claims, and not finally acted on, in one of which the case of Mrs. Hazen, now referred to the committee, was favourably reported on.

From a view of the facts as here stated, and the consideration which the committee have been able to give the subject, they are of opinion, that in cases where it can with certainty be ascertained that services have been rendered under the circumstances contemplated by the foregoing resolutions, and no compensation made, neither the lapse of time nor the operation of an act of limitation ought to extinguish the gratitude of the government, nor absolve it from affording the promised reward to remunerate for the sacrifices of property and sufferings of those who generously aided in establishing the independence of the nation, and that by reviving the former law, with some additional restrictions, the public property will be secured against unjust claims.

Therefore,

Resolved, That the act, intituled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," approved on the 7th of April, 1798, ought to be revived and continued in force for a limited time, provided that no claimant under said act, shall be entitled to receive a grant of any such lands until he produce satisfactory evidence that he is a resident within the United States.