

THEOPHILE BRUQUIER.

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JANUARY 4, 1859.—Committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. GREENWOOD, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Theophile Bruquier, a citizen of the State of Iowa, praying compensation for property alleged to have been stolen by a band of the Sioux Indians, have instructed me to make the following report :*

It appears from the memorial and the reports of the Indian agents referred to, that those Indians who were charged with appropriating the property of the memorialist, subsequently in council recommended payment for whatever amount of property it might be satisfactorily proven had been taken. The proofs were submitted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the sum of four thousand nine hundred dollars was paid to the claimant. The sum now asked for is almost entirely for consequential damages, which your committee are of opinion should never be allowed, unless under extraordinary circumstances. No good reason appearing to the committee to justify a departure in this case from this rule, they report adversely.