

JOSÉ MARIA VALDEZ.

JANUARY 14, 1859.—Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BONHAM, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of José Maria Valdez, report :*

That the petition of José Maria Valdez is for losses sustained at the hands of the Mexicans and Pueblo Indians, during the insurrection of Taos, New Mexico, in 1847.

The grounds on which the indemnity for the losses is rested by petitioner are that the depredations were committed in consequence of petitioner's having been in the employment of the government of the United States, under Major Gilpin, on a campaign against the Navajo Indians in November, 1846, and thenceforward upheld the government of the United States.

Your committee are of opinion that the facts are insufficient to warrant any indemnity by Congress, and know of no similar case in which indemnity has been made.

The committee therefore asked to be discharged from its further consideration.