

ALMON W. BABBITT—ADMINISTRATOR OF.

[To accompany Bill H. R. 814.]

JANUARY 21, 1859.

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

R E P O R T .

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph E. Johnson, asking payment to heirs of Almon W. Babbitt late Secretary of Utah, for losses by the Indians, &c., report :

Your committee find that Almon W. Babbitt was murdered by the Indians as represented in the memorial of the said Johnson, and that a large amount of money and property belonging to said Babbitt was stolen by the Indians, but from the evidence before your committee they are unable to state the amount. Your committee are unanimously of opinion that the memorialist is entitled to relief, and therefore report a bill authorizing the First Comptroller of the Treasury to ascertain and determine the amount and value of any money and property belonging to the United States, and to said Almon Babbitt, which may have been lost and destroyed by an attack of the Indians upon the train of said Babbitt, and to pass the amount so ascertained to his credit, and if any balance remain after paying the amount due the United States, it be certified by said Comptroller, to be paid to the lawful heirs of said Babbitt, deceased.