

HENRY MILLER.

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Mr. TAPPAN, from the Committee on Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Miller & Co., asking compensation for damage done to a building occupied as a hospital during the war with the Rogue River Indians, in Oregon, in the year 1853, having had the same under consideration, report:

That said building or house was occupied as a hospital, for the use of the sick and wounded, at a rent of three hundred dollars, which has been paid by the United States. The present claim is for damage done to the house whilst the same was so occupied, additional to the rent. But the evidence on which it rests is loose and unsatisfactory. There are three affidavits of the claimant, assistant surgeon, and steward in the hospital, all stating, in stereotyped phrase, that the "lining, ceiling, and partitions were *torn, destroyed, and used,*" to the damage, in the opinion of the affiants, of one hundred and fifty dollars. But there is no evidence to show the character or value of the house, its mode of finish, or how much the "lining, ceiling, and partitions," were "torn, used, and destroyed." The committee therefore report adversely to the prayer of the petitioner.