

JACOB THOMAS.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 608.]

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MAY 29, 1858.

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

REPORT.

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Thomas, a citizen of the State of Texas, submit the following report:*

The petitioner represents that on the first day of October, A. D. 1850, a party of Comanche Indians forcibly invaded his premises, and stole and forcibly carried away two of his children, (being his two daughters,) and that said Indians also stole two of his horses at the same time. That said Indians were pursued and one of his children was found and recovered, badly wounded and mutilated. That his other daughter, Sarah, was, through the interposition and aid of the Hon. John H. Rollins, the Indian agent for the State of Texas, recovered from said Indians and restored to the petitioner, and that he paid said Rollins, for expenses incurred in the recovery of said child, the sum of thirty dollars. That the horses were never recovered. That he was unable to make proof of his injury and losses until the 13th December, 1853, and that on the 8th day of May, 1857, he presented his claim to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who disallowed it, because it was not presented within three years after the commission of the offence. The evidence taken fully sustains the allegations in the petition, and shows the loss of the petitioner to be two hundred and eighty dollars, without any allowance for injury to his children.

Your committee are of opinion that this claim is a reasonable and just one, and inasmuch as the petitioner did not attempt to redress his injuries, but relied upon the laws of the land for compensation for the injury to his property only, he should be paid the amount claimed. The committee, therefore, report a bill for his relief.