

HENRY W. JACKSON.

MAY 29, 1858.

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

### REPORT.

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the claim of Henry W. Jackson for remuneration for property stolen and carried off by the Chyenne tribe of Indians, on the 31st of August, 1856, en route from the city of Sacramento to the State of Missouri, report:*

That the whole case is contained in a petition subscribed and sworn to by the claimant, Mr. Henry W. Jackson, *and by no other proof*, in which he avers that he left his home in Weston, Platte county, Missouri, in the year 1849, for California, for the purposes of mining; and that he remained in the State of California until June, 1856, when he left the city of Sacramento, California, for his home in Missouri, by the overland route, via the South Pass; that he attached himself to a party of five persons, "consisting of two men, one woman, and a child," and followed said route until 31st of August, 1856, when, encamped on the "Big Platte River," about sixty miles west of Fort Kearney, and near "Cotton Wood spring," at about 4 o'clock in the morning, his party was attacked by a party of Chyenne Indians, about twenty-five in number, and fired upon with guns, killing one of the party, (the woman,) and carrying away the child, and wounding the claimant severely in the thigh; carrying off claimant's property, "consisting of two horses, gold dust, and valuable papers and clothing, amounting in value to \$450," all of which he lost by reason of the attack of the said Indians upon him and his comrades. Upon this *ex parte* statement, and this alone, unsubstantiated by any other proof or evidence, the claimant asks Congress to grant him relief.

Your committee, therefore, report adversely to granting the relief demanded upon the facts before them.