

INDIAN DEPREDATIONS IN NEW MEXICO.

DECEMBER 19, 1876.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SEELYE, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 346.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs report, in the matter of the bill (H. R. 346) authorizing payment to certain citizens of New Mexico for Indian depredations :

That this bill calls for the appropriation of \$354,297.15, to be paid to some seventy claimants.

That no evidence has been presented respecting the nature of these depredations or the existence of the losses indicated by these claims.

And, also, that even if these depredations took place and these losses were actually incurred by these respective claimants, the committee see no reason, either in law or equity, why the United States Government should be held responsible therefor.

The committee therefore report this bill back to the House, with the recommendation that it do not pass.