

JOHN R. TAGGERT.

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Mr. STRAIT, from the Committee on the Public Lands, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 833.]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 833) for the relief of John R. Taggert, beg leave to report the same back and recommend its passage.

Some time during the month of June, A. D. 1869, Mr. Taggert was allowed to file, at the local land office in Litchfield, a declaratory statement on the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 32, township 121, range 33 west. He remained on said land, cultivated and otherwise improved it by building a house and stable, dug a well, fenced, and broke the greater part of it, with the intention of making it his permanent residence.

After residing upon said land for some years, he was notified by the General Land Office that his homestead entry had been canceled for the following reasons:

In a communication from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated Washington, D. C., February 2, 1877, and addressed to H. B. Strait, House of Representatives, he says: "The records of this office show that said homestead entry was canceled for the reason that, prior to the date thereof, to wit, October 1, 1860, said tract of land was patented to John Renville, by this office, on a location of Sioux half-breed scrip made September 15, 1858."

Mr. Taggert has complied in every respect with the requirements of the homestead law, and has, on his part, faithfully performed his contract with the government, and he now asks for the passage of the bill introduced for his relief, which your committee are of the unanimous opinion is not more than he is entitled to.