

GENERAL EDWARD HATCH.

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MARCH 17, 1882.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 4763.]

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4763) to authorize the accounting officers of the Treasury to settle the accounts of Bvt. Maj. Gen. Edward Hatch, United States Army, chairman and disbursing officer of the Special Ute Commission appointed under act of Congress of May 3, 1878, have had the same under consideration, and report as follows :*

The evidence presented before the committee proves that the money was disbursed by General Hatch in good faith and with good intentions, in every case on vouchers and on orders from the Secretary of the Interior; but the Comptroller of the Treasury finds these disbursements to have been irregular, and does not feel justified in applying the amount on General Hatch's account until authorized to do so by act of Congress. The bill is favored by the Secretary of the Interior, who says, in letter dated March 16, 1882, "I sincerely hope that Congress will, in the passage of the bill referred to in the inclosure, afford that relief which is sought for in the case," and your committee recommend its passage.