

THOMAS S. BROOKS & CO.

FEBRUARY 24, 1882.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2311.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2311) for the relief of Thomas S. Brooks & Co., report as follows:

The facts presented show that Thomas S. Brooks & Co., in the year 1866, purchased a large number of beef cattle in the State of Texas, and drove them with the intention of taking them to the city of Saint Joseph, in the State of Missouri; that in doing so they passed through the territory occupied by the tribe of Indians known as the Osage; and that, while passing through said territory with said cattle they were attacked by a band from the said tribe of Osage Indians, and sixteen head of beef steers shot down and taken away and wholly lost to claimants. The evidence shows that the steers were worth at the time \$40 per head, making a total of \$640; that the loss was not attributable to any misconduct of the claimants, nor did they resort to any harsh or retaliatory acts for the recovery thereof. We therefore report the bill back, with amendments, and recommend that it pass.

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