

ABBIE SHARP.

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

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Mr. D. P. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 306.]

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Abbie Sharp, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:*

The petition sets forth that the petitioner was captured and her family killed by the Sioux Indians, at Spirit Lake, in the State of Iowa, on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1857; that she remained in captivity until the 23d day of June, A. D. 1857, when she was ransomed by the citizens of the then Territory of Minnesota by the payment of a sum of money; that while in captivity she endured great hardship and exposure, and that in consequence thereof she is now unable to support herself, and that she is in great need.

The statements contained in the petition are fully substantiated by the records in the department, and the committee therefore report back the petition favorably, and recommend the passage of the accompanying bill, with the following amendment: Strike out after the words "directed to," in line 4, down to and including the word "same," in line 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Pay the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

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