

KLAMATH INDIAN RESERVATION.

JULY 2, 1884.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 7505.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 112) providing for the restoration of the Klamath River Reservation to the public domain, make the following report :

Your committee find that the said reservation was made such by Executive order in the year 1855, is situated in Del Norte County, California, and has for over ten years last past been practically abandoned as an Indian reservation; that there is no Indian agent or other Federal employé living on the reservation, and only about fifty Indians, including men, women, and children, living on the reservation, and they are living on the Klamath River in two small Indian villages.

These Indians subsist almost entirely by fishing, and are disinclined to agriculture or any other pursuit except fishing; hence the purpose of the bill designed to induce the Indians to accept the lands by allotment may fail by reason of the Indians refusing to accept of any allotment.

This reservation having been abandoned for so many years, has been settled upon by a number of settlers who have made improvements thereon, and provision is made in this bill protecting their rights. The opening of this reservation to settlement has long been recommended by the Interior Department, and your committee think that the public interests demand that it should be done. Hence the accompanying bill is favorably recommended.