

## THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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Mr. LYMAN, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

### REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 5566.]

*The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5566) for the relief of the State of California, have had the same under consideration, and make the following report:*

(1) March 2, 1861, Congress passed an act (12 Statutes at Large, 199) intending, no doubt, to enable that State (California) thereunder to adjust all her claims against the Government for expenses incurred in her various Indian wars. But through some mistake or misapprehension, it was so narrow in its terms that only a portion of the the expenses of the Indian wars, which had been borne by said State, could be or were adjusted thereunder, and the first object of this bill now under consideration is to extend the provisions of that act so as to allow the adjustment of her claims for Indian wars not in said act of 1861 provided for.

(2) The bill also asks that the cases already filed and coming under the act of 1861 may be reopened and the State be allowed to present new, additional or corroboratory evidence in support thereof and a new adjustment made.

(3) It appears that the State of California has, under various acts of her legislature, at different times, issued Indian war bonds, coupons, warrants, and certificates of indebtedness, some of which she has paid and some of which have been paid by the United States Government, and it is now sought by the provisions of this bill that she be reimbursed for the same.

Your committee think that the first of the foregoing purposes of the bill is just and proper, and recommend its adoption.

As to the second, the committee think, inasmuch as the cases therein mentioned have been adjusted and disposed of, that it would be bad policy to again open the same, and they report adversely thereon.

As to the third proposition, the committee say that in so far as the matters therein provided for are not covered by the act of 1861, or by this act, the same is just and should be adopted, except so far as the same relates to the payment of interest, or interest coupons, which should be stricken out in pursuance of the well-established policy of the Government.

The committee therefore recommend the passage of the act with the following amendments:

(1) Strike out of first section that part thereof after the word "Treasury," in the twelfth line, down to and including the word "purposes," in the twenty-first line; and,

(2) Insert after the word "Treasury," in the twelfth line, of the first section, the following: "Including any sum on investigation found due her for balances heretofore paid, or assumed and remaining due by said State, and not heretofore or in said act of 1861 included, or which, or the indebtedness out of which the same arose, have not been heretofore paid or adjusted between the said State of California and the United States, on account of Indian war bonds, warrants, and certificates of indebtedness issued by her under the acts of legislature approved February 15, 1851, May 3, 1852, and April 25, 1857, respectively, for the payment and defraying of the expenses incurred in the suppression of Indian hostilities, and matters in relation thereto arising in certain counties in said State, and upon the borders thereof; the same to be paid to said State, and upon the condition only of the surrender by her to the Secretary of the Treasury of said bonds, warrants, and certificates of indebtedness, or payment to be made pro rata for any portion thereof; *Provided further*, That the acceptance of the indemnity hereby provided shall operate as a final and complete discharge and satisfaction of all claims or matters hereinbefore referred to."

(3) Insert after the word "provided," in the twenty-first line of the first section, the word "further."

(4) Strike out the second section of the bill.