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MRS. REBECCA ADAMS.

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JANUARY 19, 1887.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 751.]

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 751) for the relief of Mrs. Rebecca Adams, having had the same under consideration, submit the following report:*

This claim was considered by the said committee in the Forty-eighth Congress, and was reported favorably (see House Report No. 2129, first session Forty-eighth Congress), which report is concurred in by your committee, and is adopted as its report.

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This is a bill to pay to Rebecca Adams, the surviving widow of John L. Adams, deceased, the sum of \$2,010 out of any money in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated for losses by depredations committed upon the property of the late John L. Adams, deceased, by hostile Sioux and Cheyenne Indians on the 8th and 9th of August, 1864, at Sand Hill ranch, the homestead of the decedent, situate in Kearney County, State of Nebraska.

The claim has been thoroughly and exhaustively investigated by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the claimant found to be legally and equitably entitled to indemnification for the losses claimed in the sum aforesaid. The original amount of losses alleged was \$4,070, but was reduced by the board of investigation to \$2,010; but inasmuch as the claim was not presented for adjudication within three years from the time of its occurrence it was barred by statute of limitation.

The committee have examined the evidence filed in the case and find Mrs. Adams legally and in all other respects fully entitled to the amount recommended to be paid by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, viz, \$2,010; and the committee recommend the passage of the bill, and that said sum shall be charged to, and deducted from, any moneys that may be due said Sioux and Cheyenne Indians under treaty stipulations.

A letter from the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs under date of May 8, 1884, is submitted herewith and made part of this report.

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[Depredation 1598, 8570. 1884.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, May 8, 1884.

SIR: Referring to your letter of the 3d instant, regarding the claim of Rebecca Adams, widow of John L. Adams, deceased, amounting to the sum of \$4,075 on account of depredations alleged to have been committed by hostile Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in August, 1864, I have to inform you that the claim was taken up for action and

found that claimant sustained a loss of *two thousand and ten dollars* (\$2,010); but the claim—the claim not having been filed within three years after the commission of the depredation—was on the 6th day of August, 1877, reported to the Department recommending a disallowance of the claim, and was on the 10th of December, 1877, transmitted to Congress for its action. The limitation no longer exists, and the objection to the claim on that account is therefore withdrawn.

The claim having passed from the control of this office you will have to look to Congress alone for relief. *This letter, filed with the other papers in the case, will, I think, be all that is necessary for a favorable recommendation of the claim in the amount of \$2,010.00, as stated herein. Said amount to be paid from moneys due Sioux and Cheyenne Indians under treaty stipulations.*

Very respectfully,

H. PRICE,  
Commissioner.

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NOTE.—The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original in my possession.

J. THOMAS TURNER,  
*Att'y for Mrs. Adams.*

The committee therefore recommend the passage of the said House bill 751.