

I. B. NICHOLS.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HERMANN, from the Select Committee on Indian Depredation Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2831.]

The Select Committee on Indian Depredation Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2831) for the relief of I. B. Nichols, submit the following report:

This claim arises from depredations committed by the Rogue River Indians in 1855-'56. The Indian agent now in charge of the survivors of this tribe reports—

That he has investigated the claim and has every reason to believe the claim to be correct, and thinks that it should be allowed, as I do not deem the amounts claimed exorbitant as compared with the market prices ruling at the time in the Territory.

The claim is for \$4,718, and is described and valued by items. It is corroborated by reputable old pioneers, who were present during the Indian war. The claimant was engaged in packing and trading, and had bought a cargo of goods and was packing them on mules when attacked. There was inadequate force on the part of the United States, the settlers were defenseless, and the claimant shows conclusively that he was peaceably traveling the highways when attacked, and recovered none of the property charged for and has never received compensation.

We therefore recommend the payment of said sum of \$4,718.

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