

W. C. MCKAY.

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. 2824.]

The Select Committee on Indian Depredation Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2824) for the relief of W. C. McKay, submit the following report:

This claim is for cattle, household goods, etc., which are proven to have been taken off and destroyed during the hostilities of 1855 by the Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Cayuse Indians. Many witnesses, chiefly friendly Indians, testify to the items of property destroyed and to its cash value at time and place. They were present during the hostilities and know the facts of the taking and value of the property. The claimant is shown to have taken no part in pursuing the Indians for revenge, but endeavored to find and recover his property but failed, and has never obtained any compensation. The value of the property is proven to be \$19,942. The Cayuse, Walla Walla, and Umatilla Indians were at the time in general hostilities, and the United States were very inadequately provided with military force, and much loss occurred.

We recommend the payment of said sum of \$19,942.