

HARDY ELLIFF.

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

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2823.]

*The Select Committee on Indian Depredation Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2823) for the relief of Hardy Elliff, submit the following report:*

This claimant resided in the Umpqua Valley, in the then Territory of Oregon, and his property was taken and destroyed by the Rogue River and Cow Creek Indians October 24, 1855, and consisted of hay, cattle, hogs, oats, fencing, etc., which is valued at \$17,150. The actual cash value at the time and place of depredation is testified to, and is in proof of the items of the bill. Nearly all the houses of his neighbors for many miles were burned by the Indians, and many persons massacred. The losses are clearly shown and the means of knowledge given. The claimant was at that time a man of means, owning a large band of cattle, and well supplied with a season's supply of hay, oats, etc. Those who were neighbors corroborate the claimant's statement, and they are witnesses of credibility and prominence in the community. We believe he should be paid for his destroyed and stolen property, for which he has received no compensation.

We therefore recommend the payment of said sum of \$17,150.