

MANUEL SILVA.

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

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6361.]

The Select Committee on Indian Depredation Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6361) for the relief of Manuel Silva, submits the following report:

The claimant, Manuel Silva, a resident of San Miguel County, N. Mex., presents a claim for \$325 for a depredation alleged to have been committed by Mescalero Apache Indians, in January, 1869. The claimant alleges that "a band of said Indians seized from him thirteen oxen (valued at \$25 each), near Fort Bayard, whilst he was in his lawful business, and without fault upon his part, and of this, his property, he was deprived; and that he has received no indemnity therefor, and has never sought any private revenge nor redress against said Indians on account of said depredation."

Under authority of law this claim has been investigated and examined by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Said officer finds the claim supported by the proof (as also do this committee), and the report of the Commissioner is approved by the Secretary of the Interior. (For which approval see Appendix A.)

The bill in this case seeks to appropriate \$425, and should be amended so as to conform to the report of the Secretary. An amendment to this effect is submitted by the committee.

Upon the adoption of which amendment, the committee recommend the passage of the bill.

APPENDIX A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, March 22, 1887.

SIR: Your report of the 21st instant, submitting the claim of Manuel Silva, of San Miguel County, N. Mex., amounting to \$325, for compensation for depredations alleged to have been committed in 1869 by Mescalero Apache Indians, has been considered, and your finding, viz, that claimant lost property as alleged to the value of \$325, with your recommendation that that amount be allowed in full satisfaction of the claim, is concurred in.

The claim is hereby returned to be included by you in the list of depredation claims to be submitted to Congress as required by law.

Very respectfully,

H. L. MULDROW,
Acting Secretary.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.