

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 27, 1852.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BAYARD made the following

R E P O R T :

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Hill and Sons, report :

That the petition claims compensation for a herd of fifty-six horses and mules, alleged to have been stolen from the petitioners, who reside in Mariposa county, California, by certain Indians "who have been treated with by the agents of the United States," and subsequently recovered by the California volunteers, whilst in the service of the United States. It also states, that the horses and mules recovered were never restored to the petitioners. The prayer of the petition is, that the value of the property, alleged to have been stolen, may be paid out of any moneys appropriated for the use of the Indians who stole it, or by whatever appropriation Congress may deem just and proper.

The committee have considered the claim and the evidence adduced to support it, and are of opinion that it is altogether too loosely and defectively stated to authorize relief, and that the evidence is entirely insufficient to sustain even the indefinite claim made. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be denied.