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REGARDING

*Animals stolen by Indians at San Antonio, Texas.*

DECEMBER 5, 1872.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 2, 1872.*

The Secretary of War has the honor to lay before the United States Senate and House of Representatives copy of a report from the commanding General of the Department of Texas, of the theft of a lot of Government animals from the corral at San Antonio, Texas, by a band of Comanche Indians, part belonging to the Coochchotellica and part to the Quaahda Comanche tribes, valued at \$3,687.50, and to recommend that special authority be given by Congress for the reimbursement of this amount to the appropriation for the subsistence of the Army, from the appropriation heretofore made for the Comanche Indians.

WM. W. BELKNAP,  
*Secretary of War.*

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS,  
 OFFICE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,  
*San Antonio, Texas, August 14, 1872:*

SIR: A board of survey convened at Fort Sill, by Special Order 86, current series, headquarters Fort Sill, Indian Territory, find that a lot of animals were stolen from the corral, at that post, on the night of the 15th of June, by a band of Comanche Indians, part belonging to the Coochchotellica and part to the Quaahda Comanche tribes. The number stolen are as follows:

Thirty-seven horses, (inspected and condemned, awaiting action on inventory and inspection reports,) valued by the board at \$37.50 each, total valuation	\$1,387 50
Fourteen mules, valued at \$150 each.....	2,100 00
Five ponies, captured property, valued at \$30 each.....	150 00
One horse, private property of Captain Walsh, Tenth Cavalry, valued at...	50 00
Total .....	3,687 50

It is respectfully recommended that the value of the stolen animals be recovered from the appropriation made for these Indians.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. C. AUGUR,  
*Brigadier-General, United States Army, Commanding.*

To the ADJUTANT-GENERAL UNITED STATES ARMY,  
*Washington, D. C.*

## ANIMALS STOLEN BY INDIANS.

[Indorsement.]

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, August 22, 1872.*

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of War, inviting attention to the recommendation of General Augur, and inclosing copy of this paper for transmission to the Interior Department, if desired.

A copy of the report of the stealing of the horses and mules in question was furnished said Department July 1, 1872.

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
*Adjutant-General.*