

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 7, 1877.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. TELLER submitted the following

RESOLUTION:

Whereas an agreement was made on the 13th day of September, 1873, between the United States and the confederate band of the Ute Nation for the cession of certain lands in Colorado, which agreement was ratified April 29, 1874; and whereas the fourth article of said agreement was in words as follows:

The United States agrees to set apart and hold as a perpetual trust for the Ute Indians a sum of money or its equivalent in bonds, which shall be sufficient to produce the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars per annum; which sum of twenty-five thousand dollars per annum shall be disbursed or invested at the discretion of the President as he may direct, for the use and benefit of the said Ute Indians annually;

and whereas the said Ute Indians claim that no part of the said annuity payments has been made or invested for their benefit: Therefore

*Be it resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the Senate whether such payments have been made; and, if not made, why such payments have not been made, as required by the fourth article of said agreement; and that the President be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the Senate whether the lands ceded to the United States by said Indians have at any time since the making of said agreement been occupied by citizens of the United States, and whether the same are now so occupied or not.