

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 12, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GROOME, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 46.]

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 46) for the relief of Frank Riquet, and the accompanying papers, have considered the same and report:*

That the claim which the bill is intended to pay is based upon the alleged burning and destruction in July, 1878, by hostile Indians raiding through Umatilla County, Oregon, of property said to belong to the claimant; that said property consisted of a dwelling-house and out-buildings, known as Cayuse Station, located on the overland stage-route and at the foot of the Blue Mountains, and of certain articles of personal property there situated.

There is no evidence of any of the facts upon which the claim is based, except the affidavit of the claimant, and an affidavit of a person in the claimant's employ that he verily believes that the claimant's statement is true.

We deem such evidence wholly insufficient, and recommend that the bill be indefinitely postponed.