

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 28, 1879.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SPENCER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2443.]

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2443) for the relief of citizens of Montana who served with the United States troops in the war with the Nez Percés, and for the relief of heirs of such as were killed in said service, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:*

A similar bill was considered by your committee at the second session of the present Congress, and reported therefrom favorably. (See S. 758, Report 497, 2d session 45th Congress.) The following is the report of the House Committee on Military Affairs:

[H. Report No. 285, 45th Congress, 2d session.]

Mr. DIBRELL, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following report (to accompany bill H. R. 2443):

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill H. R. 2443, respectfully report the same back, with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

From the letter of Col. John Gibbon, of the Seventh Infantry, which is herewith filed and asked to be made a part of this report, it appears that in the expedition against the Nez Percés Indians in August, 1877, thirty citizens of the Territory of Montana volunteered their services and served with the United States troops in that expedition; that five of the number were killed, four wounded, and twenty-one survived.

Your committee think, under the circumstances, that the services of these men were invaluable to Colonel Gibbon and his command, and that the amount allowed them of one dollar per day would not reach the amount they would have received had they been regular soldiers, entitled to clothing and other allowances.

Your committee unanimously recommend the passage of the bill.

Your committee therefore recommend concurrence of the Senate in the House act.