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UTAH INDIAN WAR CLAIMS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

RELATIVE TO

The claim of the Territory of Utah for Indian war expenses of the years 1865, 1866, and 1867.

FEBRUARY 8, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
February 6, 1873.

The Secretary of War has the honor to report to the House of Representatives, for the information of the Committee on Military Affairs, in reply to the request of said committee of the 28th ultimo, for information in regard to the claim of the Territory of Utah for Indian war expenses of the years 1865, 1866, and 1867, that the only record of this class of troops is embraced in a letter of Hon. J. M. Ashley, dated May 3, 1865, introducing one S. T. Hauser, the bearer of a letter from the governor of Utah, who desired to raise one or more regiments of mounted men for defense against the Indians.

The request of Mr. Hauser for authority to raise the organizations referred to does not appear to have been granted, the letter of introduction, brought by him with other papers, having been filed without action.

It appears, however, that troops were raised by the governor of Utah, inasmuch as, February 9, 1869, the adjutant-general of Utah forwarded a statement of expenses incurred by the Territory in its defense. The statement was received at the War Department March 25, 1869, and transmitted to the House of Representatives the same date. Nothing further appears on the records of this Department. There may be papers in the claim in the office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury.

WM. W. BELKNAP,
Secretary of War.