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## On the Relief of Sureties of J. Huntington

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 17, 1876.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McCREERY submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 454.]

*The Committee on Indian Affairs have considered a bill for the relief of the sureties of J. W. P. Huntington, deceased, late superintendent of Indian affairs in Oregon, and report:*

That in May, June, and July, 1865, J. W. P. Huntington was superintendent of Indian affairs in Oregon, and William Logan was United States Indian agent, having charge of the Warm Spring agency. C. S. Woodworth (who swears that he was chief clerk of the superintendency) states that on or about the 15th day of May, 1865, the said Huntington transferred to said Logan the sum of \$500 of the fund appropriated for pay of general incidental expenses of the Indian service in Oregon; that Logan actually received the money, but that he died shortly afterward, and that no receipt was given to Huntington for the same. The affiant states further that the amount was justly and properly disbursed for the purpose for which it was appropriated. The absence of the receipt might be a suspicious circumstance, but not sufficient to discredit a witness whose relations with the parties made him personally cognizant of the transaction.

On the 10th day of June, 1865, in his capacity of superintendent of Indian affairs, Huntington drew a check for \$10,000 on the assistant treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, payable to said William Logan or bearer, and this check was presented at the office of said assistant treasurer and paid on the 20th day of the same month.

On the 28th day of July following, Logan embarked with his wife on board the ill-fated steamer Brother Jonathan, bound for Portland, Oreg., and two days afterward they perished together at sea, in the wreck of that vessel. During his sojourn at San Francisco, Logan did not conceal the fact from his friends and intimate acquaintances that he would be the bearer of public funds to Oregon; and at the moment of departure he spoke of having considerable amounts in his possession.

In view of the foregoing facts, your committee report back the bill which was referred to them, and recommend its passage.