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DELAWARE INDIANS.

JUNE 18, 1874.—Committed to a Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. RICHMOND, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 3755.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the Delaware Indians for payment of the amount of their claim for stock, &c., having had the same under consideration, and come to conclusions thereon, submit the following report:

In the fourteenth article of the treaty made with the Delaware Indians approved July 4, 1866, it is, among other things, provided that—

Inasmuch as the Delawares claim that a large amount of stock has been stolen from them by whites since the treaty of 1854, the United States agree to have a careful examination of such claims made under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and when the value of such stolen stock shall have been ascertained, the same shall be reported to Congress, with a recommendation for an appropriation to pay the same; and all moneys appropriated for such purpose shall be paid to the owners of said stock.

Under date of September 9, 1867, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Hon. Charles E. Mix, directed John G. Pratt, esq., United States agent, to make an examination of said claims of the Delawares, as required in said fourteenth article of said treaty. Mr. Pratt at once entered upon the duties of his office, and on the 19th January, 1869, submitted his report, "amounting in the aggregate, for stock," says the report, "evidently stolen by the whites," as follows:

428 horses, valued at.....	\$22,975 00
10 mules, valued at.....	1,150 00
112 cattle, valued at.....	2,099 00
10 sheep, valued at.....	30 00
6 hogs, valued at.....	30 00
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	26,284 00
Errors and omissions discovered and corrected by Commissioner Parker.....	118 00
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Total.....	26,402 00

It is proper to add, that appended to the report is a list of the individual claimants, with the amount allowed and going to each.

On the 31st January, 1870, Hon. J. D. Cox, Secretary of the Interior, transmitted an abstract of this report to the Hon. James G. Blaine, Speaker of the House, recommending its favorable consideration by Congress, and an appropriation of \$26,402 for the payment of the claims,

as stipulated in the fourteenth article of the treaty aforesaid. The facts herein stated are set forth more at large in Ex. Doc. No. 108, House of Representatives, 41st Congress, 2d session.

The attention of Congress was again called to the subject by the Department of the Interior, in a communication from Secretary Delano, March 2, 1872, urging immediate action in the matter.

Here the matter has rested without any further action on the part of the Government. The conditions of the said fourteenth article of the treaty having been fully complied with, the amount due the Delawares having been definitely ascertained and fixed, the committee believing it equitable and just, and that it should be paid as provided in the treaty, without further delay, submit, and recommend the passage of, the accompanying bill to that end prepared.

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