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CLAIMS OF CITIZENS OF MONTANA FOR SERVICES IN NEZ
PERCÉS WAR.

MARCH 1, 1878.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the
Union and ordered to be printed.

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.

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