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## Report : Claim of J. Hunt

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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JANUARY 21, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. TELLER, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

**R E P O R T :**

[To accompany bill S. 47.]

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 47) for the relief of James Hunt, of Pendleton, Oreg., have considered the same, and present the following report :*

The claimant seeks compensation for goods destroyed by the Indians at Cayuse Station, in the State of Oregon. It does not appear when the property was destroyed except from the affidavit of claimant, who states it was during the "late Indian difficulties." There is no proof of loss of property except by the affidavit of claimant. The government is not under obligation to make good losses of this character. In cases where government contractors, sutlers, and others are compelled to incur unusual risks, Congress has frequently made compensation for losses sustained from Indian hostilities. But claimant does not show reasons why he should be paid. We respectfully recommend the indefinite postponement of the bill.

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