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On the Relief of Lieut. Farrow

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 24, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. LOGAN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 933.]

Your committee, having had under consideration the bill (S. 933) for the relief of Lieut. Edward S. Farrow, of the Twenty-first Infantry, for compensation for loss of and damages to personal property lost by him in being transported from Camp Kearney to Umatilla, Oreg., during the Bannock war in 1878, report:

Lieutenant Farrow makes the following statement: "When this property reached Canyon City, was there stored, the *citizens*, in an extreme state of fear and excitement, ransacked the boxes, both government and personal, in search of arms, ammunition, &c." Hence, it appears from his own statement that individuals were responsible for the destruction of this property, and therefore the government ought not and cannot be held responsible without establishing a precedent that would place it in the light of an insurance company. We, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this bill, and that the same be indefinitely postponed.

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