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## Report : Petition of Nevada

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 1, 1884.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 657.]

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill (S. 657) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to adjust and settle the expenses of Indian wars in Nevada, respectfully submits the following report:*

Attention is directed to the letter of the Secretary of War, dated January 26, 1884, as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington City, January 26, 1884.

SIR: In response to so much of your communication of the 22d ultimo as requests information concerning Senate bill 657, "to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to adjust and settle the expenses of Indian wars in Nevada," I have the honor to invite your attention to the following report of the Third Auditor of the Treasury, to whom your request was duly referred:

"The State of Nevada has filed in the office abstracts and vouchers for expenses incurred on account of raising volunteers for the United States to aid in suppressing the late rebellion amounting to \$349,697.49, and for expenses on account of her militia in the 'White Pine Indian war' of 1875, \$17,650.98. Also, expenses of her militia in the 'Elks Indian war' of 1878, amounting to \$4,654.64, presented under act of Congress approved June 27, 1882 (22 Statutes, 111, 112).

"These abstracts and vouchers will be sent to your Department for examination and report as soon as they can be stamped, as that statute requires a report from the Secretary of War as to the necessity and reasonableness of the expenses incurred. This statute is deemed sufficiently broad enough to embrace all proper claims of said State and Territory of Nevada."

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT T. LINCOLN,  
Secretary of War.

Hon. S. B. MAXEY,  
Of Committee on Military Affairs, United States Senate.

The copy of Senate bill No. 657 is herewith returned, as requested by you.

It will be observed that it is deemed by the Department that the act approved June 27, 1882, is sufficiently broad to embrace all proper claims of Nevada, whether as State or Territory.

For convenience of reference the above act accompanies this report, and an examination thereof and of the construction thereon, satisfies the committee that no additional legislation is necessary.

Wherefore, for this reason, the committee reports back said Senate bill 657, and recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.