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Anna Holborn

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 4774.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4774) for the relief of Anna Holborn, having considered the same, respectfully report:

The evidence in this case proves that Anna Holborn, on or about the 12th day of June, 1867, at Hugo Station, in the then Territory of Colorado, had killed and driven off twenty-three mules and five horses by a band of hostile Indians. Subsequent investigation proved that the Indians committing the depredation were members of the Cheyenne tribe, and such of the property as was not killed was taken to such tribe. Proof of the ownership of the property, and of the committing of the depredation, and of the loss seems to be complete, and the Department of the Interior and your committee are fully satisfied that the Cheyenne Indians should be charged with the wrong and the value of the property.

This claim, with others, was investigated by Indian Agent Darlington, and a report made by him to the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs in February, 1871, and under date of April 9, 1872, Hon. F. A. Walker, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, submitted to the honorable Secretary of the Interior a report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof.

In such report the honorable Commissioner thinks $3,950 should be paid in satisfaction of claimant's demand, and your committee are of the opinion that the bill should be amended so as to pay the claimant the amount recommended by the honorable Commissioner, and with such amendment the passage of the bill is recommended.
I am of the opinion that the claims are sufficiently established as to the fact of depredation, and the claimants are entitled to indemnification for losses sustained. The property lost consisted of mules and horses, the mules valued in one case at $165, and in the remaining cases at $175 each; the horses valued in one case at $165 each, and in another, for a single animal, at $120. I suggest that probably a fair and just valuation would be an average of $150 each for the mules, and $100 each for the horses; and at these rates recommend the following allowances: John Soum, $850; Anna Holborn, $3,950; George Flemming, $600; and William Krosten, $600.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO, Secretary of the Interior.