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ELIJAH W. DOBBS, MARIANO G. SAMANIEGO, AND H. C. HOOKER.

FEBRUARY 23, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 1655.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1655) for the relief of Elijah W. Dobbs, Mariano G. Samaniego, and H. C. Hooker, having had the same under consideration, now report as follows:

The claims to which this bill relates, and the papers accompanying the same, were, on December 6, 1882, transmitted to this House by the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, in compliance with section 445, Revised Statutes (see H. Ex. Doc. No. 10, Forty-seventh Congress, second session), and have been referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs for its consideration, and they have been duly considered in committee with said bill.

The claims are all for depredations committed by the Chiracahua-Apache Indians in Arizona, while said Indians were on a raid in October, 1881, and all have been duly investigated by the United States Indian agent, whose favorable report has been approved and confirmed by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, after a careful examination by the Department of the Interior in accordance with section 466, Revised Statutes. These claims have been allowed by the honorable Secretary of that Department for the sums respectively named in the bill (H. R. No. 1655), but payment cannot be made without a special appropriation therefor.

Your committee have carefully reviewed and fully considered all the evidence filed with these claims, and find that the facts of the depredations are clearly established, and that the sums adjudicated and allowed respectively by the Secretary of the Interior and named in the aforesaid bill are reasonable, except in the case of H. C. Hooker, which was by the committee reduced from \$15,500 to \$12,000.

Your committee therefore report favorably upon said bill, and unanimously recommend that as these claims have all been examined, adjudicated, and allowed by the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs according to law, that said bill as amended do pass.