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DISTURBANCES IN COLORADO.

JANUARY 16, 1888.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CUTCHEON submitted the following

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs of this House be, and they are hereby, instructed to investigate and report fully upon the cause, origin, circumstances, and results of the recent disturbances which occurred in August, 1887, in Garfield County in the State of Colorado, between certain whites, claiming to act as a posse of the sheriff of said county and as militia of said State, and the Colorow band of Ute Indians.

Said committee is directed to report what losses of life or property were sustained by either party; whether the property taken by the whites from the Indians was taken in accordance with any process of law; what property, if any, was destroyed, and by whom, and by what authority; whether the property taken has been restored to its owners, and whether any compensation has been made for the property destroyed; whether any steps have been taken by the United States, or by any officer representing them, to reclaim the property of their Indian wards so taken from them, or to secure compensation for that destroyed, and, if so, what steps. Also, what steps have been taken to secure the punishment of the parties guilty of producing the loss of life and property. Said committee is also instructed to report whether the final attack of the whites was made upon the Indians while they were upon their reservation; also, what legislation, if any, is needed to punish the guilty parties, to reclaim the stolen property, and to prevent and punish like disturbances in the future.

Said committee is authorized to conduct such investigation by subcommittee, and shall have power to send for persons and papers, to compel the attendance of witnesses, to administer oaths, to employ a stenographer, and such other assistance as may be necessary.

The expense of such investigation shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

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