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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 17, 1890.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MANDEBSON, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting a report upon the subject of Indian war claims, of California, called for by Senate resolution of December 19, 1889.]

The Committee on Printing, to whom the above letter and accompanying report were referred, having considered the same, make the following report:

The resolution of the Senate of December 19, 1889, above referred to, is as follows:

That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to examine all vouchers, accounts, papers, and evidence which heretofore have been, or which hereafter may be, submitted to him in support of the war claims of the State of California against the United States, growing out of Indian hostilities and Indian disturbances in said State and upon the borders thereof, and therefrom ascertain and report to the Senate the total amount of all such claims, and also the amounts of money shown thereby to have been paid as principal and as interest thereon by the State of California, including the amounts of all liabilities by it incurred, and of all obligations by it assumed or issued therein but not paid by said State, including interest accruing upon money borrowed or upon obligations by it assumed or issued in payment or liquidation of the expenses incurred by said State in matters connected with said hostilities and disturbances; and also to report the authority of the State of California under which said expenditures so paid, liabilities so incurred, and obligations so assumed or issued were alleged to have been done; and also to report the amounts of money which have heretofore been paid by the United States as principal and as interest on account to said State and to any holders of the said obligations of said State, in partial payment of said claims; and also to report the amount of money claimed by the State of California to be still due it as principal and interest and payable by the United States on account of the matters herein recited.

The committee submits with this report a resolution to print the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Third Auditor relative to the Indian war claims of the State of California, under date of January 13, 1890, in which all the information in possession of the Government touching the expenses in suppressing Indian hostilities prior to January 1, 1854, incurred by the State of California is given, and also the expenses incurred in 1854, 1855, 1856, and 1859, together with a second letter from the Third Auditor, Treasury Department, of date May 8, 1890, upon the same subject, and two letters of dates March 17, 1890, and March 29, 1890, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, by John Mullan, counsel, attorney, and agent for the State of California, respecting the California Indian war claims. Following there is a—

Verified statement of the total expenditures and liabilities incurred by the State of California for the common defense, growing out of Indian hostilities and Indian dis-

turbances in said State, and upon the borders thereof, prior to February 15, 1890, to liquidate a portion of which the State of California has heretofore assumed and already paid in gold coin the sum of \$161,256.78; and to liquidate the remainder thereof said State has heretofore issued its State obligations to pay the sum of \$373,466.11, making a total aggregate of California Indian war claims not heretofore paid or reimbursed by the United States of \$534,722.89.

In view of the large sum of money involved, and the seeming necessity of some final action being taken by the Government in disposing of these claims, the committee is clearly of the opinion that the letters and verified statement above referred to should be printed in document form, to enable members of Congress to study the case conveniently and thoroughly. A part of the verified statement referred to is already in stereotype, in the form of a statement made by Mr. Stewart, member of Committee on Military Affairs, for the information of the committee, in support and explanation of and to accompany bill S. 3439, Fiftieth Congress.

The cost of printing the usual number of the document will be \$433.

The committee reports the letter back to the Senate with the recommendation that the resolution submitted herewith to print the usual number do pass.

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