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CATTLE ON CHEROKEE LANDS IN VIOLATION OF LAW.

JULY 27, 1892.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SIMPSON, from the Committee on the Territories, submitted the following

RESOLUTION:

Whereas it is generally alleged and currently reported through the public press and otherwise that large numbers of cattle are being held and grazed upon the Cherokee lands west of the ninety-sixth degree recently ceded to the United States by agreement between the Cherokee Nation and the United States, dated December 19, 1891, which agreement is now pending before Congress for ratification: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on the Territories be, and is hereby, authorized to investigate fully whether or not cattle are being held in violation of the law, and if any officers of the Government are illegally receiving money therefor; that said committee have leave to sit during the recess at such place or places as may be necessary, to send for persons and papers, to administer oaths, to employ a clerk or stenographer with leave to report at any time during the next session, and the Sergeant-at-Arms is hereby authorized to pay the expense of said committee out of any money in the contingent fund.

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