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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 17, 1874.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PRATT submitted the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah F Stapler, made on behalf of the heirs of John Ross, deceased, late chief of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, praying compensation for property destroyed by the rebels during the late war, submit the following report :

This case was before this committee during the second session of the Forty-first Congress, and was fully considered at that time. The memorialists at that time were Annie B. Ross, daughter and executrix, and William P. Ross, successor to and executor of the said John Ross. The claim then was the same as now. The old memorial and evidence are refiled and no new evidence is furnished. A report (No. 113) made by the committee to the Senate on the 20th April, 1870, and ordered to be printed, is before us. On the coming in of that report the memorial was indefinitely postponed and the committee discharged from its further consideration. Under these circumstances the committee decline to open the case unless some ground is furnished either by presentation of new evidence or a successful impeachment of the previous report on its findings or conclusions.

We ask to be discharged.

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