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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JULY 6, 1852.

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Mr. PRATT made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Oneida Indians, asking compensation for the capture of three gun boats by the British during the war of 1812, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:

1. That it appears from the papers filed with the petition in this case, that the memorialists were not in the military service of the United States at the time of the alleged capture of the boats for which compensation is claimed, and in the opinion of your committee were not consequently entitled to compensation for any military service rendered by them.

2. That the agreement between the petitioners and the United States officer in command for the payment of the sum claimed as consideration for the said capture, is not established by the proof, and your committee recommend that the prayer of said petitioners be rejected, and that they be discharged from its further consideration.