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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 20, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DOOLITTLE submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom were referred the memorial and joint resolution of the State of Iowa, in behalf of James B. Thomas and family, sufferers by Indian depredations, respectfully report :

That they are unanimously of the opinion that, upon the papers presented, they cannot present a bill for relief.

While there is enough in the papers to show that the memorialist has been a severe sufferer in the loss of one son actually killed by the Indians, and in the loss of another from exposure in escaping from them, there is no evidence to show that any amount of property was actually destroyed or taken away by the Indians; and there is no evidence to show that the matter was presented to the notice and consideration of the Indian agency. The committee, therefore, ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.