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Mr. Howe made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. No. 302.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Frances S. Richardson, make the following report:

The petitioner is the widow of the late Major General J. B. Richardson, who was mortally wounded while leading his command to victory at the battle of Antietam, and who died November 3, 1862, leaving one son, named Israel P. Richardson, and now aged five years.

In 1852, Major General Richardson, then major by brevet, of the third infantry, was stationed in New Mexico, and while on duty there, on the 7th day of February, 1852, the Apache Indians stole from him one black mule. On the 8th of September following they stole from him two light sorrel-colored horses, and on the 1st of November following they stole two dun-colored horses.

The value of the property so taken is proved to have been four hundred dollars.

Under the 17th section of the act of June 30, 1864, the petitioner asks that compensation be made to her in trust for her son.

Your committee think that such compensation ought to be made, and report a bill for that purpose.