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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 13, 1869.

Mr. DOOLITTLE made the following

R E P O R T .

[To accompany joint resolution H. R. No. 335.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred House resolution 335, having had the same under consideration, report :

1. That in their opinion the title to the lands in question, prior to the treaty of 1866, was in the Cherokee nation, as purchasers, and held by patent of the United States in fee simple.

2. That no person had any right, legal or equitable, to enter upon such lands and claim adversely to that people.

3. That the only settlers who can claim any legal or equitable rights in said lands adverse to the Cherokee nation or their assignees are those provided for in the treaty of 1866, and the treaty supplementary thereto of 1868.

Therefore the committee report in favor of an indefinite postponement of said resolution.