

J. T. AND C. T. HULETT.

FEBRUARY 17, 1885.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FINERTY, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6232.]

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6232) for the relief of J. T. and C. T. Hulett, beg leave to report as follows:*

During the Ute Indian outbreak, at the end of September, 1879, J. T. and C. T. Hulett had upon their ranche in Routt County, Colorado, the following stock: 30 head of good American and Norman mares, valued at \$140 each, \$4,200; 8 head of California mares, \$100 each, \$800; 32 head of yearling colts, \$50 each, \$1,600; 9 head of mixed American and Norman horses, \$100 each, \$900; 1 Norman stallion, \$500; being a total of \$8,000, the original claim of the Messrs. Hulett.

It appears from the affidavits of the Messrs. Hulett, Norris W. Brock, Alex. Hanna, and others that the eighty head of stock enumerated were run off and held by the said Ute Indians, and that only one horse was subsequently recovered. Several of the animals were seen and recognized in the Ute country, but were not surrendered. The agent of the White River Utes, in a communication to the Secretary of the Interior, states that said Indians, in open council, admitted that the depredation was committed; and the Secretary and Commissioner of Indian Affairs have recommended that the amount, deducting \$100 for horse recovered, be paid out of the treaty funds of the Indians by whom the stock was stolen.

The committee, having carefully considered the evidence, have concluded to allow \$100 per head for the horses and mares; \$25 per head for the yearling colts, and \$250 for the Norman stallion, being a total of \$5,750, which they consider a fair compensation.