

INDIAN WAR EXPENSES OF KANSAS.

MARCH 9, 1880.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JOHNSTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 1199.]

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to ascertain and report to Congress the amount of money expended and indebtedness assumed by the State of Kansas in repelling invasions and suppressing Indian hostilities, having duly considered the subject, offer the following report:*

The committee is convinced by statements of three governors of the State of Kansas, and their correspondence with the proper military officers, that in a period of six years, ending in 1870, many Indian incursions were made into that State, which could be met only by its own troops, and they were so met. The United States paid a large part of the expenses so incurred, but reports of the accounting officers of the State show a considerable balance still due.

If it were necessary to prove the liability of the general government for this balance, thirteen instances of such payments by it, under similar circumstances, would furnish the proof.

The committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill.