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J. G. LANE.

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JANUARY 21, 1870.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. W. B. WASHBURN, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

## R E P O R T .

*The Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the memorial and evidence of J. G. Lane, of Iowa, having considered the same, make the following report :*

The claimant in October, 1865, was engaged in transporting groceries and subsistence stores from Omaha, Nebraska, westward through that Territory, for sale and profit, on his own account, along the route of the Pacific railroad, then being constructed.

On the 29th of October, at Alkali Station, Nebraska, near the Colorado line, his teams and property, consisting of eight thousand pounds of flour, dried fruit and vegetables, of the value of \$1,740, were captured by a band of hostile Indians supposed to belong to Arapahoes, Cheyennes, or Sioux. The claimant asks to be reimbursed for the value of the goods taken. The Indians committing this depredation were not particularly identified as of tribes receiving annuities from the United States. The claimant was pursuing this enterprise at his own risk, selling to soldiers and Indians as well as emigrants, without being either a sutler to the soldiers or a trader with Indians. The Indians on the line of his trade had been in avowed hostility to emigrants and trains for several months, and none could say that they were without notice of the danger to life and property from Indian attacks.

Pursuing this hazardous enterprise at his own risk, the committee recommend that he be left to his own remedy, and therefore report adversely, and that the memorial and evidence do lie upon the table.