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REPORT

Of the Select Committee, appointed on the 10th ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of occupying the Columbia river, and to regulate the intercourse with the Indian tribes; accompanied with a bill to authorize the occupation of the Columbia river.

JANUARY 18, 1822.

Read, and, with the bill, committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Committee to which was referred the resolution to inquire into the expediency of occupying the Columbia river, and to regulate the intercourse with the Indian tribes, beg leave to

REPORT, IN PART:

That the same subject was referred to a Committee at the second session of the sixteenth Congress, who, in their Report, made on the 25th January, 1821, had embodied all the leading facts and reasons, in relation to the subject. This Committee have examined the same, and beg leave to refer to, and adopt, that Report, and that the same may be considered as a part of this Report. This Committee, entertaining the same opinion expressed in the Report alluded to, report a bill.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the 19th of December, 1820, to inquire into the situation of the settlements upon the Pacific Ocean; and the expediency of occupying the Columbia river,

REPORT:

That they have carefully examined the subject referred to them, and, from every consideration which they have been able to bestow upon it, believe, from the usage of all nations, previous and subsequent to the discovery of America, the title of the United States to a very large portion of the coast of the Pacific Ocean to be well found-