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CLAIM OF GOVERNOR DOUGLAS, OF VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

Documents relative to advances made by Governor Douglas, of Vancouver's Island, to Governor Stevens, of Washington Territory, and recommending the payment of the same.

JANUARY 29, 1859.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit a report from the Secretary of War, with the accompanying documents, recommending the repayment to Governor Douglas, of Vancouver's Island, of the sum of \$7,000 advanced by him to Governor Stevens, of Washington Territory, which was applied to the purchase of ammunition and subsistence stores for the forces of the United States in time of need and at a critical period of the late Indian war in that Territory. As this advance was made by Governor Douglas out of his own private means, and from friendly motives towards the United States, I recommend that an appropriation may be made for its immediate payment, with interest.

JAMES BUCHANAN.

WASHINGTON, *January 29, 1859.*

WAR DEPARTMENT,
January 27, 1859.

SIR: I desire to bring to your notice an application which has been presented by her Britannic Majesty's government, through its minister in this country, for the payment of a sum of money borrowed from Governor Douglas, of Vancouver's Island, for the purchase of stores for the use of volunteers engaged in suppressing Indian hostilities in the Territory of Washington.

The letters from Lord Napier to the Secretary of State, of November