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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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AUGUST 11, 1852.

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Mr. FELCH made the following

**REPORT :**

[To accompany bill S. No. 526.]

*The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of George Barrell and S. V. S. Wilder, in behalf of themselves and other heirs of the owners of the ship Columbia, and sloop Washington, and the heirs of Captain John Kendrick and Martha Gray, widow of Captain Robert Gray, praying the confirmation of their title to certain lands purchased of the Indian tribes in 1791, on the northwest coast of America; or such compensation as Congress shall deem just and proper for their explorations and discoveries in those regions, have had the same under consideration and make the following report :*

The memorialists represent, that in the year 1787, a voyage of discovery and mercantile adventure was planned and undertaken by Joseph Barrell, Samuel Brown, Charles Bulfinch, John Derby, Crowell Hatch and John M. Pintard, who fitted out and despatched two vessels from the port of Boston, Massachusetts, to the northwest coast of America; the one a ship called the Columbia, commanded by Captain John Kendrick, and the other a sloop called the Washington, commanded by Captain Robert Gray, which was the first voyage ever undertaken by citizens of the United States to the northwest portion of this continent; that so remarkable was the expedition considered at that day, that medals, both of silver and copper, were struck, bearing on one side the representation of the vessels encircled by their names, and on the other the names of the owners, with the date. That these vessels sailed from Boston on the 1st of October, 1787, and arrived at Nootka sound in the month of September, 1788; that they continued on the coast until the summer of 1789, when Captain Gray re-discovered the straits of St. Juan de Fuca, which he penetrated and explored before any English vessel had ever sailed upon its waters; that on the 3d of July, 1789, they exchanged masters; Captain Gray, taking command of the Columbia, returned home; that on the 27th of September, 1790, he sailed on a second voyage and cruised upon the northwest coast till September, 1791; when he returned to Clioquot for winter quarters; when in the village of Clicksclocutsee, twelve miles from the sea, he built a fort, and called it "Fort Defiance," which he mounted with four cannon, supplying it with other munitions of war, and placing it under the command of a Mr. Haswell; that he there built a vessel of forty tons called the