

THE INDIAN WAR DEBT.—The Sacramento Union of 12th September, says:

On the 5th of the present month Treasurer Ashley received, from Washington, the sum of \$218,489 29, that being the amount allowed, aside from commissions, etc., by the Government on the Indian War claim presented by the State. The aggregate amount of the claim as originally presented for adjudication was \$497,572 38. The proportion of these which came within the law and were acted upon by the Auditor at Washington, amounted to \$449,605 74. Out of this sum, \$229,987 67 was allowed and \$219,618 07 was rejected. Of the amount allowed, \$76,538 25 is due to the State, and \$153,449 42 is due to individual holders of bonds, certificates, etc. The amount received into the treasury is less, however, than the amount allowed and paid over at Washington by \$11,498 38, which sum is presumed to be the cost of transmission, insurance, etc. The entire amount was paid by the General Government in greenbacks, and is paid, of course, to claimants in that currency. In the adjudication of the original claims, those for services and supplies only were allowed. All claims for spoiliations and for property damaged or stolen were rejected. The law passed by the Legislature April 9th, 1862, regulating the payment of these moneys to the holders of bonds or certificates, requires that 5 per cent. of the amount of each claim be retained to pay the cost of collection, etc. A law passed April 25th, 1857, provides that all the moneys collected shall be paid, etc. Basing their action upon this contradiction in the law, those who have presented their claims and received their pay have done so protesting against the retention of 5 per cent., in the following terms:

We, holding war bonds and certificates of California, hereby protest against the retention of 5 per cent. on the amount allowed by the United States; which amount is retained under and by virtue of a law of the State of California, and that it is our intention to apply for, demand and recover the same from the State.

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