BLACKFOOT CLAIM.

FOREST RESERVES WITHIN

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THE UNRATIFIED TREATIES OF 1868 WITH THE BLACKFEET, GROS VENTRES AND RIVER CROW TRIBES OF INDIANS.

These treaties, and the Executive proceedings thereon, are to be found in the Senate Document Room at the Capitol. They are held as confidential, and it is understood that they may not be examined unless a bill is passed at some future time making these treaties public. The treaties and reports are filed in the Box Treaties for 1868. The report on the Blackfoot treaty at Fort Benton is headed as follows:

40th Congress (Confidential) Executive.
5th Sess. FF

Message of President Johnson under date of February 4, 1869, accompanies the report.

It is understood that the clause in these treaties providing that the United States should be liable for certain claims, and for money owing to settlers on account of goods sold the Indians, was responsible for the defeat of the treaties in the Senate.