

## RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH INDIAN TERRITORY.

FEBRUARY 5, 1891.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PEEL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

### REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 12366.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred House bill 12366, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

Several years ago Congress granted to the Choctaw Coal Railway Company certain rights of way through the Indian Territory. They were limited to 3 years in which to complete the work under said grant. They have completed and have now in full operation about 100 miles of their said road, which is first class in every respect. They have expended several million dollars in the construction of said road, and the development of large coal fields which they are now successfully operating.

The time fixed for the completion of said lines will expire early in next year. That owing to the late disturbance and stringency in the money market, said company has not been able to progress with work as rapidly as they expected, and fear the time fixed in the original act for the completion will expire before they can possibly complete the entire work. This bill only seeks and asks that the time for the completion of their lines be extended 2 years longer.

Your committee, believing that said company is in good faith and have done all they well could do under the circumstances, recommend that the bill do pass, with amendments as follows:

In line 7, strike out the word "three" and insert "two;" in line 8, strike out the word "three" and insert "two;" also in line 10 strike out the word "five" and insert the word "four."