

SHURTZ, WOOD, BERRY, AND OTHERS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 22.]

DECEMBER 31, 1845.

Mr. MORRIS, from the Committee on Public Lands, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Gerhart Shurtz, Francis Wood, Jehu Berry, and 142 others, citizens of Tymochtee township, Wyandot county, Ohio, for permission to select land for schools, have had the same under consideration, and now report:

That the petition and accompanying papers show the following facts, to wit:

That the citizens of Tymochtee township, (township No. 1 south, range 14 east,) Wyandot county, Ohio, are entitled to 225 acres of land for schools, of which they have been deprived, by that number of acres being taken from section 16, by the reservation for "Cherokee Boy," made under the eighth article of the treaty, concluded on the 29th day of September, 1817, with the Wyandot and other tribes of Indians.

To secure to the citizens of Tymochtee township the amount of land they are entitled to, the trustees of said township, in May, 1844, selected $219\frac{2}{10}$ acres of land within the Wyandot cession of 1842, the minimum price of which is fixed, by act of Congress of March 3, 1843, at \$2 50 per acre. The general school law of May 20, 1826, under which the selection above referred to was made, authorized the appropriation of no lands for schools, the minimum price of which was more than \$1 25 per acre; therefore, the Commissioner of the General Land Office refused to permit or sanction the location referred to.

There being no government land unsold within a convenient distance of the petitioners, but that which is within the Wyandot cession, they, therefore, pray Congress to pass an act authorizing the trustees of their township to select, and enter free of cost, the amount of land they are entitled to within the aforesaid cession.

The committee being satisfied, from the evidence in the case, of the justice of the claim of the petitioners, and of the truth of the facts set forth by them, report a bill for their relief, and recommend its passage.

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