

DOCUMENTS

RELATING

To the bill (S. 1) "Providing for the reduction and graduation of the price of the public lands."

DECEMBER 26, 1838.

Submitted by Mr. BENTON, and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
December 26, 1838.

SIR: In compliance with your verbal request of Saturday last, I have the honor to enclose, herewith, a tabular statement exhibiting the sales, within certain periods, in the Chickasaw cession at the graduated prices.

In preparing the enclosed, it was necessary to use the utmost despatch, in order to have it ready this morning, as you requested; and, consequently, it was impracticable to make the requisite examinations and calculations as carefully as they would have been made had more time been allowed. It is believed, however, that the enclosed is sufficiently accurate to answer general purposes, and it is hoped that it may be found satisfactory.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

JOHN M. MOORE,

Principal clerk public lands, for the Commissioner.

The Hon. THOMAS H. BENTON,
Senate of the United States.

Blair & Rives, printers.

Statement exhibiting the sales in the Chickasaw cession of 1832, within certain periods, and up to 30th September, 1838, at the graduated prices.

Date of proclamation.	Commencement of public sale.	Close of public sale.	*Quantity offered at public sale.	Quantity subject to private entry at the close of public sale.	Amount sold at \$1 25 per acre the first year thereafter.	Amount sold at \$1 per acre the second year thereafter.	Amount sold at 50 cents per acre the third year thereafter.	Remarks.
24th June, 1835 20th May, 1836 21st Feb. 1837	4th Jan. 1836 5th Sept. 1836 29th May, 1837	31st Jan. 1836 20th Nov. 1836 11th June, 1837	Acres. 960,023 2,601,130 467,520	Acres. 576,892 2,026,127 422,721	Acres. 207,545 189,500 32,320	Acres. 37,016 37,280 16,800	Acres. 58,565 26,080 -	Sales included to 30th September, 1838. Lands under third proclamation not yet subject to entry at 50 cents.

*Indian reservations excluded.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
December 26, 1838.