

RIGHT OF WAY TO SHERMAN AND NORTHWESTERN RAIL- WAY THROUGH INDIAN TERRITORY.

JULY 1, 1890.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 11030.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11030) granting the right of way to the Sherman and Northwestern Railway Company through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes, have given the same full consideration, and beg leave to report as follows:

After the word Ardmore, at the end of line 14, in section 1, add, "not to exceed forty miles from beginning, on Red River."

Strike out all of lines 15, 16, and 17, in section 1.

Strike out the words, "through said Territory," in line 3, section 2.

Strike out the words, "at least one hundred miles of its railway in said Territory," and insert, "the said railway" after the word "build" in line 1, section 9; and with these amendments the committee recommend that the bill do pass.

The Sherman and Northwestern Railway is a charter granted by the State of Texas for the construction of a railroad from Sherman, Tex., and running in a northwesterly direction to the north boundary of the State at a point on Red River, and about thirty miles from Sherman. This road connects with other roads at Sherman, and especially that which penetrates the great lumber region of that State.

This road into the Indian Territory will open up the vast coal-fields lying between other roads now being operated through the Territory, and will be of great service and a source of revenue to the Chickasaw Nation, and also enable them to procure their lumber from Texas at greatly reduced rates. It will be of immense benefit to the people of Texas in cheapening coal, and furnishing them a market for lumber. The committee believe that this road, when constructed, will be of great value to the Indians and to the citizens of Texas, and no injury can result from its construction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.