

ADDITIONAL LAND DISTRICTS—WISCONSIN.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 277.]

JANUARY 6, 1838.

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

REPORT:

*The Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the subject of the establishment of two additional land offices for that portion of Wisconsin which lies west of the Mississippi river, report :*

That this subject was first brought to the attention of the House of Representatives by a resolution adopted 19th December, 1836 ; and, subsequently, on the 24th instant. The Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin has also memorialized Congress for the establishment of these two offices, and asks for the location of the same—one at the town of Burlington, in the county of Des Moines, and the other at Du Buque, in the county of Du Buque.

The great extent of country for which it is proposed to create these offices, justifies fully the establishment of at least *two*. The country extends from the northern boundary of Missouri to the Indian boundary line, north of Prairie du Chien, from 350 to 400 miles long ; and from the Mississippi river to the lands of the Sacs and Foxes, of from 75 to 100 miles in width. None of these lands have ever yet been offered for sale, and this country contains a population of not less, it is confidently asserted, than thirty thousand souls ; and before these lands can be sold, will, in all probability, contain a population of from forty to fifty thousand.

The committee, therefore, for the convenience of the people, and the interest of the Government, report a bill.

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