

RIGHT OF PRE-EMPTION.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 352.]

MAY 2, 1844.

Mr. J. W. DAVIS, from the Committee on Public Lands, made the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred, by resolution of the House, dated March 25th, 1844, the subject of granting the right of pre-emption to a quarter section of land for seats of justice in each of the counties of Tipton and Richardville, in Indiana, report :*

That, by the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands," approved June 22, 1838, the lands acquired by treaty from the Miami nation of Indians were exempted from the provisions of the general pre-emption laws. Under this provision, your committee are of the opinion that the counties of Tipton and Richardville, in the State of Indiana, are not entitled to pre-emptions for the location of their county seats, under the provisions of an act approved the 26th of May, 1824, entitled "An act granting to the counties or parishes of each State and Territory of the United States, in which the public lands are situated, the right of pre-emption to a quarter section of land, for seats of justice within the same." To give them this privilege, your committee report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.

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