

WYANDOT LANDS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 405.]

MAY 4, 1846.

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

REPORT :

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of P. O. Brown and others, citizens of Wyandot county, Ohio, praying for the passage of an act of Congress authorizing the sale of the residue of the public lands in the Wyandot reserve, have had the same under consideration, and report :

That, from the papers and petition in this case, it appears that the public lands in the Wyandot reservation cannot, under existing laws, be purchased at private entry, and at public sale only by paying \$2 50 per acre, and in addition thereto the appraised value of the improvements thereon. It further appears that, owing to the rude, irregular, and unfit adaptation of these improvements for the purpose of agriculture, these lands are but little more valuable, and in many instances not as much so, as they would be, had they been left in an unimproved state; and, therefore, a great portion of these lands cannot be sold for the prices fixed by law upon them.

The committee are of the opinion that an act should be passed authorizing the sale of these lands at private entry, after they shall have again been offered at public sale; and have reported a bill for this purpose, and recommend its passage.

W. H. & Heiss, print.