

VOLUNTEERS IN NEW MEXICO.

FEBRUARY 3, 1859.—Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FAULKNER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

R E P O R T .

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a resolution of the House of Representatives instructing them to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to call into service one regiment of volunteers for the suppression of Indian hostilities in the Territory of New Mexico, have, according to order, had the same under consideration, and report :

That they have conferred with the Secretary of War as to the necessity of this increase to the military forces of the country, and having learned from him that the latest advices from New Mexico induce the belief that the disturbances in that country are nearly quelled, and, further, that it is the intention of that department to keep a strong military force in that Territory for the purpose of subduing the Indians and keeping them in check for the future, the committee are of opinion that it would not be expedient at this time to authorize the President to call into service a regiment of volunteers in New Mexico. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the said resolution, and that the same be laid upon the table.

They append to this report, and as part of it, the following letter from the Secretary of War :

WAR DEPARTMENT, January 8, 1859.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, with the enclosed resolution of the House of Representatives respecting the expediency of calling out a regiment of volunteers for the suppression of Indian hostilities in New Mexico.

In reply, I have to say that the last advices from New Mexico induce the belief that the disturbances in that country are very nearly quelled; and whether that intelligence be correct or not, it is the intention of this department to keep a strong military force in that Territory for

the purpose of subduing the Indians and keeping them in check for the future. Under these circumstances the committee can best judge whether there is any necessity for an additional military force in that quarter.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN B. FLOYD,
Secretary of War.

Hon. CHARLES J. FAULKNER,

*Chairman Committee on Military Affairs,
House of Representatives.*

The resolution of the House of Representatives is herewith returned, as requested.