

DONATED LANDS TO ARKANSAS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 147.]

APRIL 3, 1856.

Mr. SANDIDGE, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the "bill to revive and continue in force for a limited period 'An act in relation to donations of land to certain persons in the State of Arkansas,' approved 30th August, 1850," report:

That the land claims referred to in the bill originated under the act of Congress approved 24th May, 1828, granting to "each head of a family, widow, or single man over the age of twenty-one years," actually settled on that part of the Territory of Arkansas ceded to the Cherokee Indians by treaty of 23d May, 1828, the right to enter elsewhere, within the Territory of Arkansas, a quantity of land not exceeding 320 acres; and the bill now referred to your committee is a mere proposition to extend for three years the right of locating such claims, thus originating, as have been adjudicated and allowed by the register and receiver of the proper land office, and which have not been located, or, if located, were compelled to yield to other and prior rights, and not subsequently relocated within the period fixed by law. The committee see no reason why such extension should not be allowed, and report the bill back for favorable consideration by the House.