

CONFEDERATED OTOE-MISSOURIA INDIAN RESERVATION.

DECEMBER 21, 1880.—Committed to the Committee of the whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HASKELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 753.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill 753, submit the following correspondence as their report:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, May 17, 1880.

SIR: Referring to my letter of March 9, 1880, in reply to yours of the 4th of same month calling attention to S. 753, a bill to provide for the sale of the remainder of the reservation of the Confederated Otoe and Missouria tribe of Indians in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes, I have the honor to inclose for your information a copy of the letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs addressed to this department, in which that officer says that he has no objections to the passage of the bill in its present shape.

I also inclose for your information a copy of the letter of this department addressed to Senator Coke this day, concurring in the views of the Commissioner.

Very respectfully,

C. SCHURZ,
Secretary.

HON. GEORGE F. EDMUNDS,
United States Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, May 8, 1880.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by your reference, of copies of two telegrams from Inspector Pollock dated, respectively, May 4 and May 6, 1880, reporting result of councils held with Indians at the Otoe Agency, and to inclose herewith a copy of a report of an inspection made by Inspector Pollock at the Otoe Agency with reference to the condition of affairs at that agency, dated August 31, 1879, and a copy of a supplemental report dated August 31, 1879.

In view of the facts set forth in these several communications, if Congress deems it advisable to pass the bill in its present shape, now pending before that body, with reference to the sale of the lands of these Indians and their removal to the Indian Territory, this office will interpose no objection.

I inclose herewith copies of the telegrams referred to, together with a copy of this report.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. E. TROWBRIDGE,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
Otoe Agency, Nebraska, May 4, 1880.

Hon. CARL SCHURZ,
Secretary Interior :

Held council with entire tribe here yesterday. With one voice they ask to go to Indian Territory. All efforts to dissuade them seem unavailing. Many have already sold dishes, &c., preparing for journey. Council again to-morrow.

POLLOCK, *Inspector.*

[Telegram.]

OTOE AGENCY, NEBRASKA, *May 6, 1880.*
Received at Department Interior May 6, 1 p. m.

Hon. CARL SCHURZ,
Secretary Interior :

The condition of those people as set forth in my report August 31, 1879, has not improved. They refuse to be reconciled here, and in council yesterday said they were only awaiting your ultimatum to leave. Advise me fully.

POLLOCK, *Inspector.*