

MILITARY POST IN COLORADO.

MARCH 3, 1877.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. A. S. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 3347.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a bill (H. R. 3347) making an appropriation for the construction of a military post near the Ute Indian reservation in Colorado Territory, respectfully report:

The construction of the proposed military post in Southwestern Colorado involves an expenditure of at least \$100,000.

Fort Garland is now the nearest military protection to the miners and settlers, and though its location is perhaps too far to the east, it furnishes, with the military post in Utah on the west, a sufficient menace against any probable hostile movements of the Ute Indians, who for some years have been peaceably inclined.

The construction of the proposed new post, while it might remove the necessity of keeping up the post known as "Fort Garland," would add greatly to the cost of transporting supplies. Fort Garland is built of adobe, and cannot be moved or used in the construction of the new post.

Whenever an absolute necessity for a new post arrives the War Department will doubtless advise Congress, with estimates of cost of the proposed work.

Your committee report adversely to the bill.

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