

INDIAN SCHOOL AT YUMA, ARIZ.

JUNE 4, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 1661.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1661) to provide for the establishment and maintenance of an Indian school at Yuma, in Yuma County, Arizona, and to make an appropriation therefor, have fully considered the same, and submit the following report thereon :

Your committee find from information obtained from the Indian Department of the Government that Yuma Indians number about nine hundred, and until recently they have had no homes, schools, or lands, but have been vagrants in Southwestern Arizona. A short time ago an educational experiment was made by opening a small school in a private building wholly inadequate for the purpose. The school was immediately crowded, and the desire of Indians for education demonstrated.

The amount of appropriation is small, but deemed sufficient by the Department of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, both of whom strongly recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

Your committee therefore report the bill back to the House, with the recommendation that the same pass.