

MILITARY STORES FOR THE USE OF THE MONTANA MILITIA.

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Mr. MCADOO, from the Committee on the Militia, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 1959.]

The Committee on the Militia, having considered this bill, recommend its passage.

The regularly enlisted, organized, and active militia of Montana Territory consists of seven general staff officers and the officers and men of one regiment of eight companies of infantry, two companies of cavalry, and one battery of artillery. The Territory has a liberal militia law, and the General Government ought to give the Territory all proper encouragement in sustaining the present organization. Such organizations would have been of great benefit in the past in the suppression of Indian hostilities on the frontier, and especially in Montana, where Indian outbreaks are not infrequent, are they likely to be required in the future. The governor and the adjutant-general of the Territory have strongly urged the passage of the bill. The bill provides "that all military stores to be issued hereunder shall remain the property of the United States and said governor shall be chargeable therewith as now provided by law."

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