

LOCATION OF CERTAIN UNITED STATES COURTS IN
TEXAS.

JANUARY 27, 1887.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. EZRA B. TAYLOR, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted
the following

R E P O R T :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred sundry petitions praying that the place of holding terms of the United States court from Graham, in the northern district of the State of Texas, to the city of Abilene, Cisco, or Henrietta, in said district, has considered the same, and report the same back to the House, recommend that they do lie upon the table.

The reasons that induce the committee to make this recommendation may be briefly stated as follows :

Under the act of 1879 enlarging and reorganizing the judicial districts in the State of Texas, it was provided that terms of the district and circuit courts should be held at Graham, in Young County. Since that time the centers of population have in a great measure changed, and are yet changing. Railroads have been built, new counties have been organized, and the population affected by the location of the courts at Graham has more than doubled, and is still rapidly increasing. New railroads have been projected in the territory embraced by the division in which Graham is located, and it is impossible now to form even an approximate estimate of the condition of this division in respect of population and the relative merits of towns competing for selection as the most suitable for holding terms of the courts, which may be presented in a few years.

Besides, there has passed the House at first session of this Congress, a bill providing that terms of the district and circuit court shall be held at Denison and Paris, and there is also pending in the Senate a bill to establish courts in the Indian Territory. If either of these measures should be enacted, new considerations affecting the permanent location of the courts in this division of the northern judicial district will necessarily arise.

In view of these conditions your committee believe that the time has not arrived when the place for holding the courts in this division should be permanently located.