

## RIGHT OF WAY TO PACIFIC AND GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY.

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APRIL 6, 1886.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

### REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 7638.]

*The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 113) to authorize the Pacific and Great Eastern Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through Indian Territory, and for other purposes, beg leave to submit the following report:*

This company was organized under the laws of the State of Arkansas in October, 1884. Many of its incorporators reside in said State; are men of means and thorough business capacity. The company during the last twelve months have constructed and placed in complete operation some 10 or 12 miles of said road, commencing at the town of Fayetteville, in Washington County, Arkansas, and running east. Said company have surveyed and permanently located the road some 150 miles in the direction of its eastern terminus, and are now in the field completing said location. Said company contemplates, as your committee are advised, placing a heavy force on said road, grading and constructing from Fayetteville, Ark., early this spring, in both directions, *i. e.*, east and west. The right of way asked for in this bill is to enter the Cherokee Nation at Cincinnati, Washington County, Arkansas, and running thence by the most practicable route through the Indian Territory to a point therein on the western border thereof, near the thirty-sixth parallel of latitude.

In view of the growing demand for railway outlet west through said Territory, and the extent of said line both east and west, your committee report back the accompanying bill as a substitute for said original House bill, and recommend that it pass.