

FORT SMITH AND EL PASO RAILWAY COMPANY.

APRIL 20, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 9582.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, having had under consideration the bill (H. R. 1203) to grant a right of way to the Fort Smith and El Paso Railway Company through the Indian Territory and for other purposes, report as follows :

This bill grants a right of way through the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations and over the reservations now occupied by the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Indians. The proposed road enters the Indian Territory at Fort Smith on the east, and leaves it at a point on the eastern boundary of the Panhandle of Texas on the west. The bill contains all the restrictions protecting the rights of the Indians and the Government usual in recent acts granting rights of way over Indian reservations and through the Indian Territory.

Your committee recommend that the bill do pass.