

QUARTERS, BARRACKS, AND STABLES AT FORT ROBINSON
AND AT FORT NIOBRARA, IN NEBRASKA.

APRIL 24, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LAIRD, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 5654.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House bill 5654, have considered the same, and herewith report it back with the recommendation that the bill do pass with the following amendment:

Provided, That fifteen thousand dollars of the above sum shall be expended in necessary improvements, to be made under the direction of the Secretary of War, at Fort Sidney, Nebraska.

Attached are the indorsements of the proposed legislation by Lieut. Gen. P. H. Sheridan and the Secretary of War.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, D. C., February 18, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith bills S. 1561 and H. R. 5654, Fiftieth Congress, first session, for the completion of barracks, etc., at Forts Robinson and Niobrara, referred by you for my report, with the remark that these two posts are situated near the northern boundary of Nebraska, on the flank of the great Sioux Reservation, and from this location are necessarily important posts. At present many of the buildings are in a very poor state of repair, and are not sufficient in number for the accommodation of the garrisons that should be there maintained.

For these reasons I recommend that the measure now proposed be approved.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

P. H. SHERIDAN,
Lieutenant-General, Commanding.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, February 23, 1888.

SIR: In returning herewith Senate bill 1561, Fiftieth Congress, first session, "to provide for the completion of the quarters, barracks, and stables at Fort Robinson and at Fort Niobrara, in the State of Nebraska," referred by you on the 23th ultimo for the views of this Department, I have the honor to invite attention to the inclosed report of the 18th instant from the Lieutenant-General of the Army, who recommends the approval of the measure proposed.

The views of the Lieutenant-General are concurred in by the Department.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,
Secretary of War.