FOREST CITY AND WATERTOWN RAILROAD COMPANY.

FEBRUARY 4, 1889.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 12497, substitute for H. R. 6700.]

Your Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6700) granting the right of way across the Great Sioux Indian Reservation in Dakota to the Forest City and Watertown Railway Company, beg leave to make the following report:

That the said committee has fully examined into the subject-matter of the bill, and find that the Forest City and Watertown Railway Company is a duly incorporated company under the general laws of the Territory of Dakota; that said company has graded about 40 miles of roadbed east of the Missouri River, on the proposed line of road, and your committee believes the company intends in good faith to construct the road across the reservation if permission be granted. The rights of the Indians are carefully guarded, and the line of the road is as well defined as possible. Your committee report a substitute for the original bill and recommend its passage.