

FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN, NORTH DAKOTA.

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APRIL 12, 1890.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

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MR. WILLIAMS, of Ohio, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 4611.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, having under consideration the bill (H. R. 4611) making appropriation for extending and repairing the military quarters at Fort Abraham Lincoln, North Dakota, beg leave to report adversely for reasons assigned in letter from Secretary of War, which is hereto attached and made a part of this report.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, March 18, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, inclosing a memorial of the first legislative assembly of the State of North Dakota, asking for the maintenance of Fort Abraham Lincoln as a military post, and for appropriations for its improvement; and, in reply, to advise you that S. 1406, to repair and extend the military quarters at Fort Abraham Lincoln, having been referred to the major-general commanding the Army, the 27th ultimo, he concurred in the views of the department and division commanders expressed on said bill, which was returned to Senator Manderson on the 15th instant, that it is not advisable that an appropriation be made for repairing these buildings for military purposes, for the reason that a longer continuance of that post is not necessary, as Fort Yates will serve the purpose of observation and control of the Indians in the region of country embracing the two posts.

I return herewith the inclosure to your letter.

Very respectfully,

REDFIELD PROCTOR,  
Secretary of War.

Hon. B. M. CUTCHEON,  
Chairman Committee on Military Affairs, House of Representatives.