

FEDERAL COURTS IN THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS.

APRIL 22, 1890.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BUCHANAN, of New Jersey, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 9488.]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill 9488, to fix the times and places for holding the Federal courts in the district of Kansas, submit the following report:

Regular terms of the United States district and circuit courts in the district of Kansas are now held at Topeka and Leavenworth, and one having criminal jurisdiction over offenses committed in the Indian Territory at Wichita, Kans. The passage of the Oklahoma bill will take from the latter court most of its business. Wichita is 162 miles from Topeka, and over 200 miles from Leavenworth. House Bill No. 9488 provides that terms of the district and circuit courts be held at Wichita for cases where the defendants live in counties that are more conveniently located for attendance upon courts at said place. Litigants residing in the counties named in the second district are distant from Topeka, the nearest point to them at which courts are now held, at least 125 miles, and in many of the counties over 300 miles.

The State is 400 miles from east to west, and Leavenworth is situated on the east line of the State and Topeka but 57 miles from the east line. The counties by this bill made tributary to Wichita are in the southwestern portion of the State, and have a population of 450,000 people. A Government building costing about \$200,000 has just been completed at Wichita, with ample court facilities. In view of these facts your committee think that terms of court for the trial of all causes arising in the counties named in the bill should be regularly held at Wichita, and therefore recommend the passage of the bill.