

FORT GIBSON, TAHLEQUAH AND GREAT NORTHEASTERN
RAILWAY COMPANY.

JANUARY 17, 1891.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 12993.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12993) granting right of way to the Fort Gibson, Tahlequah and Great Northeastern Railway Company through a portion of the Indian Territory, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

This company was recently organized under the laws of the State of Arkansas by gentlemen residing in northwest Arkansas, of the highest standing and financial responsibility. The bill asks for right of way to the said Fort Gibson, Tahlequah and Great Northeastern Railway Company, through a portion of the Indian Territory, that is to say, commencing at the town of Rogers, in Benton County, Ark.; thence via Bentonville, in said county and State, and by the way or near the mile post twenty-two on eastern boundary Cherokee Nation; thence by way of Tahlequah, the capital of the Cherokee Nation, to Fort Gibson. The bill guards the interests of both nation and the individual Indians, and provides for just compensation for said right of way to both nation and individual Indians.

The bill has all the safeguards and protection that are usual in such bills, and in addition the bill is accompanied by a large petition of some seventy of the most prominent citizens of the Cherokee Nation, among whom are officials and ex-officials of said nation, asking Congress to grant said right of way.

The bill, in the opinion of your committee, being in proper form, and the right of way being in the interest of the people of said section and the commerce of adjoining States, recommend that the bill do pass.

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