

YUMA PUMPING IRRIGATION COMPANY.

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

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

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 4768.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4768) granting right of way for irrigation ditch and railroad side track across the quartermaster's depot reservation in Yuma County, Ariz., beg leave to report as follows:

The bill grants to the Yuma Pumping Irrigation Company of Arizona a right of way 100 feet wide across the quartermaster's depot reservation, being that portion of the Fort Yuma military reservation lying on the Arizona side of the Colorado River of the West; also a pumping station 150 feet wide and 400 feet long for the location of pumps and pump houses; also a right of way 50 feet wide for a side track from the Southern Pacific Railroad Company's tracks, such right of way and station grounds for pumps to be so located as not to interfere with public improvements.

The bill also grants a right of way 100 feet wide over the public land for a ditch southerly from the reservation to the line between the Republic of Mexico and the United States. Provision is made in the bill for the furnishing of water to the occupants of the reservation.

This reservation is a tract of land about 800 by 1,500 feet, lying on the east bank of the river where boats formerly unloaded, but in late years has been practically abandoned.

The formation of the country is such that water cannot be practically or successfully taken from the river without pumping, and the rocky eminence upon the reservation is essential to the location of pumps where they may be safe from overflows of the river.

The soil proposed to be irrigated is valueless without water, but can be made quite productive of tropical fruits if water can be flowed upon it by some means.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has recommended the passage of the bill, which recommendation has been approved by the honorable Secretary of the Interior.

Your committee therefore report the bill favorably and recommend that it do pass.