

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 21, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. RANDOLPH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 754.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was submitted the bill (S. 754) "to authorize the relocation and improvement of the military wagon-road from Sidney, Nebr., via Forts Robinson and Sheridan, to the Sioux Indian Reservation," beg leave to report as follows:

The bill provides that the Secretary of War be authorized to require to be resurveyed and relocated the road at present used for the transportation of military and Indian stores from Sydney, Nebr., to Forts Robinson and Sheridan, on the Rosebud Agency of the Sioux reservation. It further provides that the Secretary of War, in his discretion, cause the road, when properly located, to be improved by grading, bridging, and otherwise, with the view of cheapening the cost of government transportation to the points indicated. It also provides that the sum of twenty thousand dollars be appropriated to carry out the intent and purpose of the bill.

With the view of considerate action, a copy of the bill was sent the Secretary of War, who returned it with the following indorsement thereon:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
Washington, December 31, 1879.

Approved and recommended.

W. T. SHERMAN, *General.*

The Secretary of War, in a letter dated January 6, 1880, returning the bill, says: "Inviting your attention to the approval of the General of the Army, thereon indorsed, I recommend the enactment of the bill."

Your committee, deeming the evidence submitted insufficient to justify the expenditure of so large a sum of money, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.