

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 6, 1878.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PATTERSON, from the Committee on Territories, reported the following

RESOLUTION :

Resolved, That for the purpose of completing the inquiry ordered by the following resolution of the Senate—

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
February 25, 1878.

On motion by Mr. VOORHEES,

Resolved by the Senate, That the Committee on Territories be, and the same is hereby, instructed to ascertain, at its earliest convenience, whether or not the railroad companies referred to by the acts of the Thirty-ninth Congress, approved respectively July 25, 26, and 27, 1866, and entitled respectively, "An act granting lands to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of the Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad and its extension to Red River"; "An act granting lands to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of a southern branch of the Union Pacific Railway and Telegraph, from Fort Riley, Kansas, to Fort Smith, Arkansas"; and "An act granting land to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the States of Missouri and Arkansas to the Pacific coast," have issued bonds of any kind, predicated upon the conditional land-grants of the lands of the Indians of the Indian Territory claimed by said companies under said acts. If it be ascertained that such bonds have been issued, then it shall be the duty of said committee to ascertain in whose possession the bonds are and for what purpose.

Resolved further, That said committee be instructed to ascertain what amount of money has been expended by the several Indian tribes of the Indian Territory in support of delegates to Washington during the past five years and in opposing the organization of a civil government over said Territory; and whether any of such money has been taken from the school-funds of any such tribes; and, if so, what legislation is necessary to prevent, in future, the diversion of such school-funds from their legitimate purpose.

Resolved further, That said committee be instructed to ascertain whether a civil form of government cannot be organized over the Indian Territory for the better protection of life and property; and whether the lands now held in common by said Indian tribes cannot be divided in severalty among the Indians without confirming the conditional grants of lands to certain railroad corporations.

Resolved further, That said committee, in the discharge of its duties aforesaid, be authorized to send for persons and papers, to employ a stenographer, and, when necessary, to compel the attendance of witnesses in its investigation, and to report the result of said investigation to this body during the present session of Congress.

Attest:

GEO. C. GORHAM, *Secretary*.

The subcommittee, to whom has been referred the above inquiry by the Committee on Territories, be authorized to sit during the recess of the Senate, and to employ a clerk and a stenographer, and to send for persons and papers, and to proceed to the Indian Territory for the purpose of taking testimony; and that the necessary expenses be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers to be approved by the chairman of the committee; and that the chairman of the committee be authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur in case any member of the subcommittee may be unable to attend.