

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 16, 1879.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT :

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of the legislative assembly of Montana Territory, for the establishment of a cavalry post at or near Henry's Lake, in that Territory, beg leave to submit the following report :

The memorial was referred to the Secretary of War for information in relation thereto, who responds as follows :

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, April 9, 1879.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the memorial of the legislature of Montana Territory, requesting the establishment of a cavalry post at or near Henry's Lake in that Territory, for the protection of settlers against hostile Indians, which was inclosed in your letter of the 31st ultimo, and is herewith returned, has been referred to the General of the Army, who expresses the opinion that such a step is not advisable, for the reason that there are not troops enough now to occupy the posts already established in Montana.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. McCRRARY,
Secretary of War.

Hon. T. F. RANDOLPH,
Chairman Committee on Military Affairs, United States Senate.

The Secretary deeming it inadvisable to establish the new cavalry post sought by the memorialists, for reasons set forth, your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

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