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REPORT

FROM

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

SHOWING

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, the land offices at which public sales of lands have been made since September 4, 1841, and the amount of such sales.

JANUARY 10, 1843.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Printing.

JANUARY 18, 1843.

Ordered to be printed.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, *January 6, 1843.*

SIR: In reply to the resolution of the Senate of the 30th ultimo, in the words following, to wit: "That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be directed to lay before the Senate a statement showing at what offices public sales of lands have been held since the 4th of September, 1841, being the date of the 'Act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands and to grant pre-emption rights,' and the total amount of money received at each public sale, and particularly that he state what amount, if any, was paid for lands above the minimum price of \$1 25 per acre;" I have the honor to report that, since the 4th of September, 1841, public sales have been held only in the State of Illinois for lands, the proceeds of which are available to the United States. The quantity sold during the two weeks they were kept open will be seen by reference to the paper herewith, marked A. I have also to report that, since the period named, public sales have been held in *Ohio and Michigan* for lands, the proceeds of which, by treaty stipulations, enure to the benefit of certain Indian tribes. The quantity sold at these sales will be seen by reference to the paper marked B herewith.

With great respect, I am, sir, your obedient servant,

THO. H. BLAKE,
Commissioner.

The PRESIDENT
of the Senate.

A.—Exhibit of the quantity of land sold in the State of Illinois, and the purchase-money thereof, during the holding of the public sales since the 4th of September, 1841.

Quantity sold.	Land office.	Rate per acre.	Purchase-money.
	DIXON.		
Acres. hdths. 95,163.69	Sales commencing May 30 and June 20, 1842.....	\$1 25	\$118,954 62
	CHICAGO.		
50,866.23	Sale commencing June 6, 1842.....	1 25	63,582 79
80.00	Sale commencing June 6, 1842.....	1 27	101 60
80.00	Sale commencing June 6, 1842.....	1 35	108 00
	KASKASKIA.		
720.34	Sale commencing June 27, 1842.....	1 25	900 42
9.91	Sale commencing June 27, 1842.....	1 26	12 49
146,920.17	Sold for		183,659 92
	Amount "paid for lands above the minimum price".....		\$222 09

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B.—Exhibit of the quantity of land sold in the States of Ohio and Michigan, and the purchase-money thereof, during the holding of the public sales since the 4th of September, 1841, the proceeds of which are, by treaty stipulations, to enure to the benefit of certain Indian tribes.

Quantity sold.	Land office.	Rate per acre.	Purchase-money.
	LIMA—OHIO.		
Acres. hdths. 2,655.83	Sale commencing August 29, 1842.....	*\$2 12 7	\$5,650 52
8,737.90	Sale commencing August 29, 1842.....	1 25	10,922 37
11,393.73	Sold for		16,572 89
	GENESEE—MICHIGAN.		
462 47	Sale commencing September 13, 1841.....	†5 01	\$2,316 97
	Amount "paid for lands above the minimum price"—		
	In Ohio.....		\$5,650 52
	In Michigan.....		2,316 97
	Total.....		7,967 49

* Average rate per acre.

† The minimum price fixed in the treaty for these lands is \$5 per acre.

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