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FORT SCOTT RESERVE.

JANUARY 29, 1855.—Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FAULKNER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 666, granting "Fort Scott Reserve" to the Territory of Kansas, for school purposes, have, according to order, had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

It is evident that the bill was based upon the supposition that the reserve mentioned therein is a military reserve. This is not the case; it is not a military reserve, but has only been held, by occupation, as a part of the Indian territory, and has been abandoned for military purposes. In addition to this, the committee have been informed by the War Department that orders have been given for the sale of the building on the site, which the bill also proposes to grant, which sale will probably be consummated before a bill contemplating such a grant could be enacted.

The committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 27, 1855.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, submitting House bill No. 666, granting "Fort Scott Reserve" to the Territory of Kansas, for school purposes, for the consideration of this department.

In reply thereto, I have to state that the site of Fort Scott, which is not considered a military reserve, has been held, by occupation, as a part of the Indian territory, and has been abandoned for military purposes, and there is no objection in this department to the grant being made.

Orders have been given for the sale of the buildings on the site, which will probably be executed before the bill can become a law.

The bill is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
JEFF'N DAVIS,
Secretary of War.

HON. C. J. FAULKNER,
Chairman Committee Military Affairs, Ho. of Reps.