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MOUNTED VOLUNTEERS.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 313.]

FEBRUARY 25, 1858.

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

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred so much of the annual message of the President and accompanying documents as relates to the raising of four additional regiments, and to whom were also referred the resolutions of the State of Texas, instructing their senators and representatives to urge upon Congress the passage of a law for raising and equipping a regiment of Texas mounted volunteers, have deemed it their duty to consider these subjects in connection, as both refer to the increase of the military force of the country.

After full consideration of the subject, the committee have come to the conclusion that the present wants of the country do not require an increase of the permanent, regular military force of the country, and yet, that the emergencies of frequent Indian depredations on the frontier of Texas, the disturbances in Utah, and the hostile attitude of some of the Indian tribes on the northwestern frontier, make it prudent and proper that an additional temporary force should be at once placed at the disposal of the President, to meet present emergencies and pending contingencies.

Knowing the policy of a regular military establishment for permanent military necessities, the committee believe, that for all temporary purposes, volunteers are fully adequate, and that their employment, in such cases, is best suited to the spirit and character of our institutions. They therefore report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.