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Reduction of the Fort Laramie Reserve

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 10, 1876.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. COCKRELL submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 361.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 361) to reduce the area of the military reservation of Fort Laramie, Wyoming Territory, have duly considered the same, and report as follows :

The bill (H. R. 361) passed the House of Representatives March 23, 1876, after a favorable report from the Committee on Military Affairs.

The military reservation of Fort Laramie was established by executive orders June 28, 1869, with an area of fifty-four square miles, and by executive order April 2, 1872, was increased in area by adding a section of country more than fifty miles from east to west, and over six miles from north to south.

At this last date the Red Cloud Indian agency was on this reservation, and the increase was made to prevent unauthorized persons trading at the agency. This agency has since been removed about one hundred miles to the northwest, and the necessity for the increase no longer exists.

The Secretary of War submitted the bill to Lieutenant-General Sheridan, who recommends the reduction of the military reservation of Fort Laramie, Wyoming Territory, as provided in House bill No. 361, and the War Department has no objection to the passage of the bill.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill herewith reported back to the Senate.