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ELECTION OF A DELEGATE FROM THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

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MAY 18, 1878.—Recommitted to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. THROCKMORTON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 4868.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom the foregoing report and substitute for the original bill were, by order of the House, recommitted, were, after such recommitment, attended by the agents of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, Seminole, and Cherokee Nations, who all concurred in the expression of a wish that if a Delegate should be granted to the Indian Territory, such Delegate should be appointed by the Indian Council of the Territory, and claimed that they had such right under the Choctaw and Chickasaw treaty of April 28, 1866.

The eighth article of that treaty provided for the establishment of a great territorial council for the Territory, to consist of delegates from all the tribes inhabiting said Territory.

Under that provision a Territorial council has been organized in said Territory, in which a number of tribes are represented by delegates. Congress has repeatedly recognized said council.

The eighth article of the treaty above mentioned further provides that—

Whenever Congress shall authorize the appointment of a Delegate from said Territory, it shall be the province of said council to elect one from among the nations represented in said council.

The committee, in deference to the wishes of the agents of the five nations specially mentioned in our former report, and in compliance with said provisions of said treaty, now recommend the adoption of the substitute for the original bill, attached to and made a part of this report.