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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 18, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MANDERSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 4490.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4490) entitled "A bill making appropriation for extending and repairing the military quarters at Fort Abraham Lincoln, N. Dak.," have had the same under consideration and report it back amended, and recommend its passage, the bill to read as follows:

That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for repairing and extending the officers' quarters, barracks, and other buildings used for military purposes at Fort Abraham Lincoln, North Dakota, or at such other place in or about the Sioux Reservations as the Secretary of War may consider more desirable, the same to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War.

The amendments consist in striking out the word "two," in line 3 of the bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "one;" and insert after the word "Dakota," in line 6 of the bill, the words "or at such other place in or about the Sioux Reservations as the Secretary of War may consider more desirable." As amended the bill has the sanction of the War Department and of Major-General Schofield, as will appear from communications hereto attached.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D. C., December 17, 1890.

SIR: I return herewith Senate bill 4490, "making appropriation for extending and repairing the military quarters at Fort Abraham Lincoln, N. Dak.," which was referred to this Department on the 16th instant, and invite your attention to the inclosed report of the Major-General Commanding the Army, dated the 15th instant, in which I concur.

Very respectfully,

REDFIELD PROCTOR,

Secretary of War.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS,

United States Senate.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

Washington, D. C., December 15, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to return to you Senate bill 4490, entitled "A bill making appropriation for extending and repairing the military quarters at Fort Abraham Lincoln, N. Dak.," with the following remarks:

In the present disturbed condition of the several tribes of the Sioux Nation, and in consideration of the pending question relative to the final location of the two

bands of Northern Cheyennes, it is not possible at this time to determine at what points in North Dakota it will be most expedient to locate the garrisons designed for the permanent protection of that part of the country against possible depredations by those Indians; but it is manifest that considerable improvement will be required in the way of repairs, and perhaps extension of the quarters and other public buildings at the posts which it may finally be found necessary to maintain for the purpose specified.

It is therefore thought very desirable that at least as much as the sum of money named in the inclosed bill, \$100,000, be appropriated for the purposes named, provided discretionary authority is given to the Secretary of War to use the money so appropriated at Fort Lincoln, or such other place as may be selected as being a more desirable location for the troops designed to protect the settlers in that region from Indian depredations.

Very respectfully,

J. M. SCHOFIELD,
Major-General, Commanding.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

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