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THIRD DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS.

MARCH 9, 1892.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BRODERICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 7020.]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 3619) to create a third division of the district of Kansas for judicial purposes, and to fix the time for holding court therein, have had the same under consideration and find that there were pending in the United States courts in Kansas, at the commencement of the November term, 1891, more than one hundred cases, which arose within the territory proposed to be included in the division to be created by this bill, namely, in the counties of Miami, Linn, Bourbon, Crawford, Cherokee, Labette, Neosho, Allen, Anderson, Coffey, Woodson, Wilson, Montgomery, Chautauqua, Elk, and Greenwood, and the Quapaw Indian Reservation in the Indian Territory; that said Quapaw Indian Reservation is a small tract of land situated in the Indian Territory, south of and adjoining the county of Cherokee, in Kansas; that Fort Scott, where the proposed court is to be held, is the county seat of Bourbon County, and contains a population, by the census of 1890, of 11,837; that there is a public building in said city, erected by the United States, with ample rooms and accommodations for the proposed courts; that said city of Fort Scott is about 110 miles from the cities of Topeka and Wichita, and about 125 miles from Leavenworth, where the Federal courts are now held in Kansas.

The committee is of opinion that the litigation arising in this territory will warrant the creation of the division as provided in the substitute herewith submitted. It is therefore recommended that the original bill be laid on the table and the substitute passed.