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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

JANUARY 28, 1822.



Mr. EATON, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Noble Osborne and William Doake, praying a right of pre-emption, made the following

REPORT:

For the accommodation of travellers from the western states to and from Natchez and New Orleans, the United States, in 1804, expressed to the Indians a desire that a mile square of land, at convenient distances, might be set apart, and settled on, by such persons as the government should approve, for the purpose of establishing stands or taverns. In pursuance of this arrangement, Noble Osborne and William Doake settled on the places which they at present occupy, and for which they pray a right of pre-emption may be extended to them—the United States having lately by treaty acquired this section of country.

Taking into view that the petitioners settled there, not as trespassers and violators of the law, but under sanction of the government, have opened and cultivated the land, and uniformly conducted themselves as good citizens, the committee have thought their application reasonable, and have, accordingly, reported a bill.