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AGREEMENT WITH YANKTON TRIBE OF SIOUX INDIANS.

MARCH 10, 1894.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 6216.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2875) to ratify the agreement made with the Yankton tribe of Sioux Indians in the State of South Dakota for the sale of their surplus lands, dated December 31, 1892, have had the same under consideration, and report a substitute for the bill H. R. 2875 and recommend the passage of the substitute.

On the 31st day of December, 1892, J. C. Adams and John J. Cole concluded an agreement with the Yankton Sioux Indians of South Dakota, by which agreement said Indians released to the United States about 168,000 acres of land to be opened to settlement under the provisions of the homestead and town-site laws of the United States. The bill reported by the committee provides that persons entering these lands shall pay \$3.75 per acre for the same. The sum thus realized will reimburse the Government for the amount paid said Indians as provided by said agreement.

There are about 1,700 of these Indians, and they have made considerable progress in civilization and have all taken lands in severalty and become citizens of the United States.

A copy of the agreement is included in the substitute. These Indians have all taken land in allotment and are desirous of disposing of their surplus lands as provided in this act.

Attention is especially called to Ex. Doc. No. 27, Fifty-third Congress, second session, which contains the report of the commission and all of their proceedings, copy of agreement, and letters of the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs.