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DECEMBER 24, 1833.

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Mr. CLAY, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the resolution of the 27th December last, concerning a further grant of land for the support of schools in the Connecticut Western Reserve, in the State of Ohio, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:*

That, by reference to the compact between the United States and the State of Ohio, entered into at the time of the admission of that State into the Union, the committee find it was agreed that the United States should cede to the State of Ohio, for the support of schools, a quantity of land equal to one thirty-sixth part of the lands within said State, to which the Indian title had been then extinguished; and, also, that a like proportion should be granted for the residue, upon the extinguishment of the Indian title. At that time, the Indian title had been extinguished to that part only of the Connecticut Western Reserve which lies east of the Cuyahoga river, and it is believed that the appropriation of land then made was made with reference to the part of the Reserve to which the Indian title was then extinct; leaving the residue to be provided for when the aboriginal title should be extinguished. The Indian title to the residue was extinguished many years since; but no provision for the support of schools has yet been made. The committee are of opinion that the spirit of the compact, and the reason of the case, require that this tract of country should be placed upon an equal footing with the rest of the State of Ohio, and, indeed, of all the Western States, in the provision that has been made for the support of schools.