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ARKANSAS AND CHOCTAW RAILWAY COMPANY.

JANUARY 12, 1899.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 11268.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred House bill 11268, report the same back with the following amendments:

Strike out the words "west or northwest," in line 4, page 2, and insert the words "at or near."

In lines 20, 21, and 22, of page 2, strike out the words "for stations at such points as the said railway company may deem to their interest to erect," and substitute in lieu thereof the words "for station purposes to the extent of one station for each ten miles of road."

In line 15, of page 3, after the word "respectively," insert the words "or under any law or treaty with the United States."

In lines 11 and 12, of page 6, strike out the words "claiming damages," and insert in lieu thereof the words "taking the appeal."

In lines 18, 19, and 20, of page 7, strike out the words "provided that said railway company shall have the right to charge such rates as will enable it to earn a reasonable return upon the value of its property."

At the end of line 3 of page 9, after the word "provision," insert the words "except the annual tax herein provided for."

In lines 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, of page 9, after the word "respectively," in said line 8, strike out the words, "said Choctaw Indians being only entitled to fifteen dollars per annum for each mile constructed in the Choctaw Nation, and the Chickasaw Indians being entitled to fifteen dollars per annum for each mile constructed in the Chickasaw Nation."

At the beginning of line 20, page 10, after the word "Interior," in line 19 thereof, insert the words "before the construction of that portion of the road shall be commenced."

In line 6 of page 11, after the word "Act," insert the words "and complete the same within three years thereafter."

The said road has been constructed from Ashdown, in Little River County, to Choctaw City, on the line between the State of Arkansas and the said Choctaw Nation, a distance of about 40 miles, and the purpose of this bill is to authorize construction in the Indian country.