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Mr. MANDERSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 1561.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1561) entitled "An act to provide for the completion of quarters, barracks, and stables at Fort Robinson and at Fort Niobrara, in the State of Nebraska," have had the same under consideration, and report the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The proposed act requires the Secretary of War to complete the quarters, barracks, and stables at Fort Robinson and at Fort Niobrara to a capacity suitable for a garrison of ten companies at each of said forts. The reasons set forth in the letter of the Lieutenant-General of the Army which impel him to recommend the bill would seem to be sufficient, and these considerations are concurred in by the Secretary of War.

The Lieutenant-General of the Army says:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, D. C., February 18, 1888.

Sir: I have the honor to return herewith bills S. 1561 and H. R. 5654, Fiftieth Congress, first session, for the completion of barracks, etc., at Forts Robinson and Niobrara, referred by you for my report, with the remark that these two posts are situated near the northern boundary of Nebraska, on the flank of the great Sioux Reservation, and from this location are necessarily important posts. At present many of the buildings are in a very poor state of repair, and are not sufficient in number for the accommodation of the garrisons that should be there maintained.

For these reasons I recommend that the measure now proposed be approved.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

P. H. SHERIDAN,
Lieutenant-General, Commanding.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, February 23, 1888.

Sir: In returning herewith Senate bill 1561, Fiftieth Congress, first session, "to provide for the completion of the quarters, barracks, and stables at Fort Robinson and at Fort Niobrara, in the State of Nebraska," referred by you on the 28th ultimo for the views of this Department, I have the honor to invite attention to the inclosed report of the 18th instant from the Lieutenant-General of the Army, who recommends the approval of the measure proposed.

The views of the Lieutenant-General are concurred in by the Department.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,
Secretary of War.