

LAND SALES IN NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT, MISSISSIPPI.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 20.]

DECEMBER 31, 1845.

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

REPORT:

*The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the subject of certain land sales in the northwestern land district in the State of Mississippi, make the following report:*

In 1830 the Choctaws ceded their lands to the United States, and in 1834 the Chickasaws ceded theirs. These two tracts were conterminous for more than 100 miles. The Choctaw lands were within the jurisdiction of the land offices at Columbus and Chocchuma, in the State of Mississippi, and sales were made at those offices of lands which, on the definitive settlement of the line, are now ascertained to have belonged to the Chickasaws, and such sales are not recognised as lawful, and no patents have issued therefor.

It appears that the Chickasaw land so sold amounts, at the two offices, to 8,205 $\frac{2}{10}$  $\frac{2}{10}$  acres.

By the terms of the Chickasaw treaty, the proceeds of the sales of the land by them ceded was to be kept by the United States as a fund for the use of the Chickasaws.

Your committee, therefore, report, that in their opinion said sales so made should be legalized, and patents be issued thereon; and that the money received therefor should pass to said Chickasaw fund; and a bill is herewith submitted accordingly.

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