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FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

ACCOMPANYING

A report from the Secretary of the Interior relative to information called for by a Senate resolution of January 8, 1874, regarding encroachment upon Indian Territory.

JANUARY 20, 1874.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

To the Senate of the United States :

In reply to the resolution of the Senate of the 8th instant, requesting information "relative to any unauthorized occupation or invasion of, or encroachment upon, the Indian Territory, so-called, by individuals, or bodies of men, in violation of treaty stipulations," I have the honor to submit herewith the reply of the Secretary of the Interior, to whom the resolution was referred.

U. S. GRANT.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *January 19, 1874.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 16, 1874.

SIR: On the 9th instant, there was referred to this Department, by direction of the President, Senate resolution of the 8th instant, in the following words, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate any information in his possession relative to any unauthorized occupation or invasion of *on* [or] encroachment upon the Indian Territory, so-called, by individuals, or bodies of men, in violation of treaty stipulations."

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to whom said resolution was referred, reported to this Department, on the 15th instant, that the Indian Office is in possession of no information indicating, at the present time, any violation of treaty stipulations of the character therein indicated.

It is proper to remark, however, that occasions have not been infrequent when portions of said Territory have been invaded and occupied by unauthorized persons, who have been treated as trespassers, and for whose removal from said Territory the aid and co-operation of the military have been required.

The resolution of the Senate is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
C. DELANO, *Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT.