

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 3, 1835.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WHITE made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Michilimackinac, submit the following report:

The object of the petitioners is to obtain from Congress a donation of a township of land in aid of an academy for the education of Indian youth, to be located on the island of Michilimackinac, under a charter from the local Legislature.

The committee entertain the opinion that the application of the petitioners is premature. As yet no institution has been incorporated to which such a grant can be made. Should Congress now make a grant to a corporation hereafter to be created, it might be thought Congress had determined to maintain such an institution at the place proposed, at the expense of the United States, be such expense much or little. Your committee do not, from any information they now possess, feel warranted in encouraging such an expectation; but if such an institution was established, and there were reasons to hope that, with the aid now asked from Congress, it could be rendered useful, the committee would feel no hesitation in recommending the passage of a law making the grant prayed for in the petition.

For the present, your committee think it safest in Congress not to take any step on the subject, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

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