

LANDS—AMERICAN BOTTOM, ILLINOIS.

LETTER

FROM THE

COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

TRANSMITTING

The information required by a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 31st ultimo, in relation to lands in the Edwardsville and Kaskaskia land districts, in the State of Illinois, called the American Bottom, &c.

JANUARY 11, 1839.

Referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

January 10, 1839.

SIR: In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 31st ultimo, in the following words, to wit: "That the Commissioner of the General Land Office communicate to this House the quantity of land belonging to the General Government in that part of the Edwardsville and Kaskaskia districts, in the State of Illinois, which comprises the American Bottom, from Wood river to the mouth of the Kaskaskia river; also, the number of years the said land has been subject to entry;" I have the honor to state, that it appears from the files of this office that the lands referred to in the resolution were all proclaimed and offered for sale in the year 1816; and that on the 30th of November last, the latest date to which the returns of sales have been received at this office, there remained thirty-two thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight (32,888) acres subject to entry.

It is also deemed proper to state, that the quarter sections cut by the limits of the Bottom, as ascertained by the best information in this office, were all taken and computed as being and lying within those limits.

I am, sir, with great respect, your obedient servant,

JAMES WHITCOMB,

Commissioner.

To the Hon. JAMES K. POLK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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REPORT

COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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The information required by a resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States in relation to lands in the Edwardsville and Kaskaskia bottoms, in the State of Illinois, called the American Bottoms, &c.

JANUARY 11, 1839.

Printed in the Commission of the Public Lands.

General Land Office

Washington, D.C.

In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States in the following words, to wit: "Resolved, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office communicate to this House the amount of land belonging to the General Government in that part of the Edwardsville and Kaskaskia districts, in the State of Illinois, which comprises the American Bottoms, near Wood River, in the county of Kaskaskia; also, the amount of water the said land has been capable of carrying; I have the honor to state, that it appears from the files of the office that the lands referred to in the resolution were all purchased and offered for sale in the year 1815; and that on the 31st of November last, the great part to which the amount of water has been referred in this report, there remained thirty-two thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight acres subject to entry.

It is also deemed proper to state, that the greater sections cut by the lands of the Bottoms, as ascertained by the best information in this office, were all taken and conveyed as being and being within those limits.

JAMES WINTGORN

Commissioner

To the Hon. James K. Polk,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.