INHABITANTS OF WARREN COUNTY, MISSOURI.
[To accompany bill H. R. No. 424.]

_June 23, 1854._

Mr. Nichols, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following

**REPORT.**

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of forty citizens of Congressional township 45, of range 1 west, in Warren county, Missouri, have had the same under consideration, and report:

That it appears that in the year 1800 a concession of 600 arpents of land, situated in the St. Charles division on the river Tuque, was made by C. D. Delassus, the lieutenant governor of Upper Louisiana, to Andrew Kinaird, and that the same was transferred by Kinaird to one John Long, and subsequently by Long to James Macky. In the year 1810 those claiming under Kinaird are represented to have taken possession of the land embraced in the concession by Delassus, and have made valuable and lasting improvements upon the same. It also appears that the title to said 600 arpents was confirmed by the act of Congress of 4th July, 1836, confirming certain land titles in the State of Missouri. It also appears that, upon the surveys of the land within the State of Missouri by the United States officers, one-half of the sixteenth section, which was granted by act of Congress for the use of schools, was located by the survey upon or covered a part of said concession. That of the other half of said section only one hundred and twenty acres have been sold at one dollar and a quarter per acre; and that the only valuable part of said section is embraced within the confirmation aforesaid.

The petition is signed by forty-eight inhabitants of said township, and the commissioner, directors, and clerk of said school township 45, of range 1 west, certify that the signers constitute a majority of that township. The committee do not deem it material to inquire whether the title under the act of Congress granting the sixteenth section for school purposes, or that under the act of July 1836, confirming the title under the concession by Delassus; and as they believe the government will not be prejudiced by granting the prayer of the petitioners, that the title under its act of confirmation will be quieted, and the school fund probably increased; the committee think the prayer of the petitioners for the location of a half section, in lieu of that embraced in the confirmation, upon any of the public lands within that land district, ought to be granted, and herewith report a bill.