

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 31, 1844.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WOODBRIDGE made the following

REPORT :

[To accompany bill S. 39.]

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill entitled "A bill to organize a new land district in the southern part of the State of Arkansas," ask leave to report:

That they have duly considered the said bill, and the documents accompanying the same, and have united in the opinion that the public interests will be promoted by establishing the new land district contemplated; and accordingly recommend that the said bill do pass.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, *December 16, 1844.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th instant, representing the necessity of organizing a new land district in the southern part of the State of Arkansas, in the region watered by the Ouachita river and its tributaries, and requesting my opinion on the necessity of the proposed measure.

The country proposed to constitute the new district embraces 108 townships now within the Little Rock district, and 27 townships in the Washington district—in all, 135 townships—and will be found exhibited on the accompanying diagram, marked A, which also shows the boundaries of the several land districts in the State.

The rapidity with which this body of country is likely to be settled, and its remoteness from the land office at Little Rock, are considerations which you have urged for its being set apart as a separate district, the land office for which you would propose to locate at the town of "Champagnole," which is, I believe, the same as that noted as the town of "Union," on the authority from which the present diagram is formed.

Concurring with the views you have expressed, I herewith submit, agreeably to your desire, a draught of a bill designed "to organize a new land district in the southern part of the State of Arkansas."

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

THOMAS H. BLAKE,
Commissioner.

HON. CHESTER ASHLEY,
Senate of the United States.

