

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 5, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BENJAMIN made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 378.]

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the mayor and council of the city of Baton Rouge, have the honor to report :*

That from the titles and documents produced by the petitioners, it appears that a considerable part of the city of Baton Rouge was laid out on certain lands granted by the French and Spanish governments long anterior to the cession of Louisiana to the United States, but that said grants never having been presented to any board of commissioners for confirmation, the lands still appear as public lands on the maps of the land office, and the citizens are harrassed by apprehensions lest they be disturbed in their ancient possessions, and it is by reason of these apprehensions that an appeal is now made to Congress for the passage of an act quieting their title.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office, to whom the matter was referred for information by the committee, has drafted the annexed bill for the purpose of putting an end to all doubt on the subject, and the committee approving the same, now recommend its passage.

