36TH CONGRESS,) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. REPORT 1st Session. No. 642.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

JUNE 15, 1860 .- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JOHN COCHRANE, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred a bill to establish a port of entry at Cincinnati, Ohio, report:

The security of the revenues derivable from duties on imports requires that imported goods should, upon arrival, at once pass into the possession of the government for the proper examination and adjustment of the duties. The propriety, therefore, of restricting ports of entry to such ports as are accessible to vessels without breaking bulk is apparent.

On submitting the bill to the Treasury Department, the Secretary said :

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, March 21, 1860.

SIR: I return herewith the draught of a bill providing for the erection of a collection district in the State of Ohio, with Cincinnati as its port of entry.

On examining the provisions of the bill, I do not perceive that they differ materially from the present law, except that they make Cincinnati a port of entry instead of a port of delivery, as it is now.

It has not hitherto (and for obvious reasons) been the policy of the government to establish ports of entry in the interior, so far from the points at which foreign merchandise is imported, and I see no reason for departing from it in the present instance.

Duties on all importations intended for Cincinnati may be secured or paid at that port as the law now stands, and, so far, it has the privileges of a port of entry; and I do not perceive what material advantages would be afforded the community by making it a port of entry that are not extended by existing laws.

I must decline to recommend the enactment of the bill, which is herewith returned. I am, very respectfully, HOWELL COBB,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. JOHN COCHRANE,

Of the Committee on Commerce, House of Representatives.

Under these circumstances, your committee report adversely.

