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REPORT  
OF THE  
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

IN ANSWER TO

*A resolution of the Senate relative to the United States reserved sections  
in township 89, range 47, in the State of Iowa.*

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APRIL 30, 1858.—Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, April 28, 1858.

SIR: In reply to the resolution of the Senate of the United States, adopted on the 16th instant, and calling for a statement of the number of acres in the even numbered sections which remain to the United States in township eighty-nine, range forty-seven, in the State of Iowa, and of the reasons why said sections were not included in the proclamation for public sales, to commence at Sioux city on the 1st day of July, 1858, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, of the 27th instant, furnished at my request.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. THOMPSON,  
Secretary.

Hon. B. FITZPATRICK,  
*President pro tempore of the U. S. Senate.*

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE, April 27, 1858.

SIR: By resolution of the Senate, adopted on the 16th instant, the Secretary of the Interior is "directed to communicate to the Senate the number of acres of vacant lands in the even numbered sections which remain to the United States in township eighty-nine, range forty-seven, in the State of Iowa, and also the reasons why the vacant even numbered sections in said township are not included in the proclamation for public sales to commence at Sioux city, Iowa, on the first day of July, 1858."

This resolution having been referred to this office for report, I have the honor to state, in answer to the *first* part of it, that there are

4,934 $\frac{53}{100}$  acres in the "even numbered sections" in said township; and to the *second* part of said resolution, that at the time the proclamation, dated January 15, 1858, was prepared for sales in the Sioux City district, the right of the State under the railroad grant of May 15, 1856, had not been adjusted at the terminus at this point, and hence the lands there were not embraced in said proclamation.

The 4,934 $\frac{53}{100}$  acres above mentioned are in detached tracts scattered throughout the township, and as such we consider it within the power of the Commissioner to introduce them into market under the act of August 4, 1846, as extended by the act of June 26, 1856. Accordingly, it is proposed to issue the Commissioner's public notice in due time for their sale, and to fix the period on the same day specified in the existing proclamation for the sale of adjacent lands.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THOS. A. HENDRICKS,

*Commissioner.*

Hon. J. THOMPSON,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*