

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
General Land Office, October 27, 1870.

SIR: In accordance with the requirements of the resolution adopted on the 28th July, 1855, by the Senate of the United States, the following is presented as an abstract of the accompanying annual report of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1870:

First. The operations of this branch of the service during the fiscal year ending on the 30th June, 1870, have been coextensive with the whole national domain, except Alaska; the new Territory of Wyoming having been organized into a district for surveys and disposal of land by the act of Congress of February 5, 1870.

Second. Statement showing that there are now seventeen different surveying districts, extending from Florida on the Atlantic to the Pacific, and eighty different land districts, each having a register and receiver for local convenience in the disposal of the public lands.

Third. Results of operations for the last year in the disposal of public lands, shown as follows, viz:

	Acres.
Cash sales, including a small amount of military scrip, received as money.....	2, 159, 515. 81
Locations of military bounty-land warrants under acts of 1847, 1850, 1852, 1855.....	512, 360. 00
Homestead entries under acts of 1862 and acts supplemental.....	3, 698, 910. 05
Agricultural college scrip locations.....	192, 848. 21
Certified for railways under various acts of Congress...	996, 685. 28
Certified for wagon roads under statutory requirements.	36, 628. 01
Approved to States as swamp lands, and selected as indemnity for lands covered by adverse rights.....	481, 638. 31
Indian scrip locations, Chippewa and Sioux.....	16, 827. 33
	8, 095, 413. 00
Total of lands disposed of during the year.....	8, 095, 413. 00
Aggregate of the previous year.....	7, 666, 151. 97
	429, 261. 03
Increased disposal.....	429, 261. 03

Fourth. The cash receipts for ordinary sales, preëmption, (including a small quantity of military scrip received as money;) for the five-dollar and ten-dollar homestead payments; for commissions on homesteads; fees for locating agricultural scrip and military bounty-land warrants; for fees on preëmptions, donations, railroad selections, and for certified transcripts, make up an aggregate of cash receipts during the said fiscal year ending June 30, 1870, of \$3,663,513 90, being a decrease from the