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[Report No. 491.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 17, 1848.

Mr. CROZIER, on leave, introduced the following bill: which was read twice, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

APRIL 18, 1848.

Mr. PUTNAM, from the said Committee, reported the same back with an amendment, when it was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.—Insert the words in *italics*.

A BILL

To promote the education of the indigent deaf and dumb.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled,* That to each institution or asylum for the in-
4 struction of the deaf and dumb in the United States, which
5 is incorporated by law, and endowed by the legislature of
6 the State with a sum not less than ten thousand dollars, or
7 with an annual appropriation or appropriations from one
8 or more States for the instruction of indigent deaf mutes,
9 amounting to not less than two thousand dollars annually,
10 there be granted one township of land, (excepting section
11 numbered sixteen, for the use of schools therein,) to be

12 located under the direction of the Secretary of the Treas-
 13 ury; which land, until sold by such institution or asylum,
 14 and all moneys arising from the sale of the same, shall be
 15 and forever remain to the use of such institution or asylum,
 16 to aid in the instruction of the indigent deaf and dumb,
 17 and for no other purpose: *Provided*, That no more than
 18 one institution in each State shall receive a township of
 19 land under this act: *And provided further*, That appro-
 20 priations for the education of indigent deaf mutes made
 21 in pursuance of law, by counties, cities, towns, or indi-
 22 viduals, may be, for the purposes of this act, taken and
 23 deemed to be appropriations made by the legislature of
 24 the State.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there be
 2 granted to each State in which there is no such incorpo-
 3 rated and endowed institution as aforesaid, sixteen sections
 4 of land, to be located under the direction aforesaid, such
 5 lands, until sold by the States, and all moneys arising from
 6 the sale thereof, to be applied, under the direction of the
 7 legislature of the State, to aid in the instruction of the in-
 8 digent deaf and dumb persons of such State, and for no
 9 other use: *Provided*, That if any State which shall receive
 10 lands under this section shall hereafter endow an institution
 11 for the deaf and dumb with the sum or annual appropria-
 12 tion specified in the first section, then to such institution

13 there may be granted additional sections, making with the
 14 previous grants to the State the quantity of one township,
 15 in the manner and under the conditions above specified:
 16 *And provided further, That the provisions of this act*
 17 *shall not extend to those States which have heretofore*
 18 *received a grant of land for the same purpose.*