H. R. No. 169.

APRIL 9, 1816.

Read twice and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A Bill

To authorize the survey of two millions of acres of the public lands, in lieu of that quantity heretofore authorized to be surveyed, in the Territory of Michigan, as military bounty lands.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That
3 so much of the "act to provide for designating, surveying,
4 and granting the military bounty lands," approved the sixth
5 day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, as au-
6 thorizes the President of the United States to cause to be sur-
7 veyed two millions of acres of the lands of the United States,
8 in the Territory of Michigan, for the purpose of satisfying
9 the bounties of land promised to the non-commissioned officers
10 and soldiers of the United States, be, and the same is hereby
11 repealed; and in lieu of the said two millions of acres of land,
12 the President of the United States be, and he is hereby au-

13 thorized to cause to be surveyed, of the lands of the United
14 States fit for cultivation, not otherwise appropriated, and to
15 which the Indian title is extinguished, one million of acres in
16 the Mississippi Territory, five hundred thousand acres in the
17 Illinois Territory, and five hundred thousand acres in the Mis-
18 souri Territory, north of the river Missouri; the said lands
19 shall be divided into townships, and subdivided into sections
20 and quarter sections, (each quarter section to contain, as near
21 as possible, one hundred and sixty acres,) in the manner pre-
22 scribed by law for surveying and subdividing the other lands
23 of the United States: and the lands thus surveyed, with the
24 exception of the salt springs and lead mines therein, and of
25 the quantities of land adjacent thereto as may be reserved for
26 the use of the same by the President of the United States,
27 and the section number sixteen in every township, to be
28 granted to the inhabitants of such township for the use of
29 public schools, shall, according to the provisions of the above-
30 recited act, be set apart for the purpose of satisfying the boun-
31 ties of land promised to the non-commissioned officers and
32 soldiers of the late army of the United States, their heirs and
33 legal representatives, by the act entitled " an act for complet-
34 ing the existing military establishment, approved the twenty-
35 fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and
36 eleven, and by the act entitled " an act to raise an additional

37 military force," approved the eleventh day of January, one
38 thousand eight hundred and twelve.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That every person in
2 whose favour any warrant for military land bounty is issued
3 shall be, and is hereby authorized to draw by lot one of the
4 quarter sections surveyed by virtue of this act, and shall ob-
5 tain a patent therefor in the same manner, in every respect, as
6 is or shall be provided by law for patents to issue for other
7 military land bounties, or as is provided by the act first above
8 recited for patents to issue for such lands.