

INTRODUCTION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, November 21, 1851.

SIR: For reasons stated by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in his letter of the 20th instant, which accompanies this, and with a view to such action by you as he suggests, I herewith transmit the second and final report of Messrs. Foster and Whitney, United States Geologists, on the geology of the Lake Superior Land District in Michigan, accompanied by sections and illustrations, and a general map, on which are defined the range and extent of the several systems of rocks.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEX. H. H. STUART, *Secretary.*

ASBURY DICKINS, Esq.,

Secretary of the Senate of the United States.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, November 20, 1851.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to submit to you the second and final report of Messrs. Foster and Whitney, United States Geologists, on the geology of the Lake Superior Land District in Michigan, (the first part of which was published last year,) accompanied with sections and illustrations, and a general map, on which the range and extent of the several systems of rocks are defined. This report was ordered to be printed, by a resolution of the Senate of the United States, at the last session, under the direction of this office. The resolution, however, having omitted to make any special appropriation for the work, or to indicate the number of copies to be printed, it is suggested, in order to gain time, and with your approbation, to have the work contracted for by the Secretary of the Senate, in the usual manner, and to the usual extent authorized by law, and await the pleasure of Congress as to the further extent of the publication.

In all matters connected with the accuracy of execution, this office will exercise the discretion contemplated by the resolution.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. BUTTERFIELD, *Commissioner.*

Hon. A. H. H. STUART,

Secretary of the Interior.