

WAR AGAINST THE APACHES.

MEMORIAL

THE LEGISLATURE OF ARIZONA,

ASKING

Of Congress an appropriation of \$250,000 in aid of the war against the Apaches.

JANUARY 25, 1865.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIAL of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Arizona.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the council and house of representatives of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Arizona, respectfully represent, that the depredations of the hostile Apaches are now the only barrier to a speedy settlement of this Territory. The working of mines of unequalled value, the occupancy of farming and pastoral lands of excellent quality, and the development of all the resources of the Territory, depend upon the subjugation of the barbarous (Apaches) foe so long a terror of the settler within our borders. It were vain to solicit capital or emigration until the power of the Apache is broken. Recent campaigns against him, waged by civil and military expeditions, have been attended with considerable success; but enough has not been done, and your memorialists respectfully request the aid of government in prosecuting a war until the Apache shall be forced, as the Navajo has been, to go upon a reservation.

To this end, an appropriation of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is asked at your hands, it being understood that such portion, if any, of the fund as may not be used in arming and sustaining companies of rangers in the field shall be applied to the care of such of the Indians as shall go upon a reservation; the whole fund to be placed in the hands of the commissioners already appointed by the territorial legislature to conduct the war upon the Apaches now in progress, and to which the whole power of the Territory is to be applied.

The remoteness of this Territory, the expense of sustaining a large military force here, and the necessity of the overthrow of the Apache to our existence, embolden us to believe that our request will be received as proper, and our plan of operations as likely to prove the most successful and economical that can be devised; and your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

W. CLAUDE JONES,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

COLES BASHFORD,

President of the Council.

Approved November 7, 1864.

JOHN N. GOODWIN.

A true copy of the original as on file in my office. Witness my hand [SEAL.] and the seal of my office. Given at Prescott this 16th day of November, A. D. 1864.

R. C. McCORMICK,
Secretary of the Territory.