

FLATHEAD INDIANS.

MEMORIAL
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MONTANA,
FOR THE

Removal of the Flathead Indians from the Bitter Root valley, in the county of Missoula, to their reservation on the Jocko.

FEBRUARY 4, 1869.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

JOINT MEMORIAL to the Congress of the United States praying for the removal of the Flathead Indians from the Bitter Root valley, in the county of Missoula, to their reservation on the Jocko.

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

We, your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Montana, would respectfully represent that all that portion of Missoula county known as the Bitter Root valley contains several hundred of industrious white settlers, who are engaged in agriculture, manufacturing, and mining; that from year to year they have made valuable and substantial improvements, until such improvements exceed in value the property of all other portions of said county; that there are at this time about 350 of the Flathead tribe of Indians residing in said valley; that their habits and customs are so different from those of the whites, it is found to be impossible for the two races to live on amicable terms: therefore we, your memorialists, would respectfully memorialize your honorable body that a commissioner be appointed to treat with said Indians for their removal to the reservation provided for them in the Jocko valley.

A. E. MAYHEW,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
SAM'L RUSSELL,
President of the Council.