

INDIANS OF FLORIDA.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA,

ASKING

Congress to take some action to keep the Indians of Florida within their prescribed boundaries.

JANUARY 31, 1849.

Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION asking Congress to take some action to keep the Indians of Florida within their prescribed boundary.

Whereas our Indian relations have assumed such appalling character that it is very important that the present General Assembly respectfully call the attention of Congress to this vast and important subject, and request that immediate and prompt action be had to prevent, if possible, the impending dangers that greatly threatens that portion of citizens who occupy the peninsula and frontier part of the State of Florida against the fearful consequences of another destructive and bloody war with the Indians occupying the southern portion of this State; and whereas, also, the forbearance of our citizens seems only to encourage that miscreant and savage tribe to commit greater deeds of atrocity, by entering the houses, attacking the persons, destroying the property, and driving off and killing the stock of our citizens who are living at a great distance from their boundary prescribed for them by Col. Worth; and whereas, also, notwithstanding all these repeated injuries have been sustained by them, and their petitions setting forth their grievances have been silently passed over without any relief having been granted to them; and notwithstanding, also, they have tamely submitted to seeing the laws of our State trampled upon by marauding Indians crossing their boundary and prowling about at will in the settlement of the whites, they have yet refrained, upon their part, from committing any act that would be conducive to create another destructive and expensive war, both to themselves and government, which, judging from their conduct and the Indian character, is so imminently threatened: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our senators and representative in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to use their in-

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fluence to get some immediate and efficient action of Congress to restrain and keep the Indians of this State within their prescribed boundary, and also to appoint some person who is well acquainted with the Indian character, whose duty it should be to live on or within the Indian boundary, and perform such duties as may be prescribed by Congress.

Be it further resolved, That our members in Congress be required to urge the great necessity of a speedy removal of the Indians of Florida to their place of destination assigned them, in order to prevent another destructive and expensive war, both to the citizens of this State and to the general government.

Be it further resolved, That the governor of this State be requested to cause a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to be forwarded to our members in Congress.

Passed the House of Representatives January 9, 1849.

WM. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.
B. A. PUTNAM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate January 11, 1849.

C. W. DOWNING,
Secretary of the Senate.
E. D. TRACY,
President of the Senate.

Approved January 13, 1849.

W. D. MOSELEY.

A true copy :

A. E. MAXWELL,
Secretary of State.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION in relation to a light-house at or near the mouth of Suwanne river.

Whereas great and serious injury has and will result to this State, as well as to the interest of commerce and navigation of the country, for want of a light-house and the necessary improvements at or near the mouth of the Suwanne river: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representative requested, to use their utmost endeavors to obtain from the Congress of the United States, at its present session, an appropriation for the purpose of erecting a light-house and the necessary improvements at or near the mouth of said river.

Passed the Senate January 9th, 1849.

C. W. DOWNING,
Secretary of the Senate.
E. D. TRACY,
President of the Senate,

Passed the House of Representatives January 10, 1849.

WM. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

B. A. PUTNAM,
Speaker House of Representatives.

Approved January 12, 1849.

W. D. MOSELEY.

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representative requested, to use their best efforts to procure an appropriation from Congress for the payment of so much of an account as William H. Sever can show, by proper evidence, to be due him by the general government for fresh beef furnished for the use of the army during the month of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty, in the service of the United States during the Seminole war in the Territory of Florida.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution, properly authenticated, be forwarded to our senators and representative in Congress.

Passed the House of Representatives January 6, 1849.

WM. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

B. A. PUTNAM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate January 9, 1849.

C. W. DOWNING,
Secretary of the Senate.

E. D. TRACY,
President of the Senate.

Approved January 12, 1849.

W. D. MOSELEY.

I certify the foregoing to be true copies.

A. E. MAXWELL,
Secretary of State.