

INDIAN DEPREDACTIONS IN NEW MEXICO.

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO,

PRAYING THAT

*The commander of that district may be authorized to call out volunteers to punish Indian depredations.*

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OFFICE SECRETARY OF THE TERRITORY,  
*Santa Fé, New Mexico, February 24, 1868.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of a memorial of the legislature of New Mexico.

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

H. H. HEATH,  
*Secretary New Mexico.*

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

[Translation.]

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

Your memorialists respectfully represent that the depredations committed by the savage Indians upon the frontiers of our Territory are attributable solely to the small number of troops in the country, which are not sufficient to enable General G. W. Getty, commander of this district, to chastise the various tribes now in hostility against our people.

Your memorialists therefore recommend, and urgently request, that General G. W. Getty, commander of this district, be authorized to call out two regiments of volunteers from this Territory, for the term of two years, to co-operate with the troops now here in avenging the outrages committed by the savages who are harassing and impoverishing our frontiers.

Your memorialists, confiding in the magnanimity of the general government, and satisfied that it is ever ready to protect its citizens, avail ourselves of the medium of this memorial, in the hope that our condition may be ameliorated, and that this our implacable enemy may receive the punishment he deserves for his audacity.

The reasons governing us in asking that the regiments be raised from among our own citizens are the following :

1. That the citizens of this Territory know the Indian country, understand the habits and customs of the Indians, as well as the places of refuge to which they fly and hide themselves whenever promptly followed by the troops.

2. That our people who have been in the military service of the government have distinguished themselves for their energy and bravery in chastising the savages.

3. That we believe that the organization of these regiments in our own country would not cost the government one-half what it would to march the same number of troops to this Territory from any other part of the United States.

Your memorialists therefore trust that our prayer will be heard, and that in due time it will receive such attention as it deserves, and, as in duty bound, your memorialists will ever pray.

ANASTACIO SANDOVAL,  
*President of the Senate.*  
FRANCO P. ABREU,  
*Speaker of the House.*

A true copy :

H. H. HEATH,  
*Secretary New Mexico.*