

TREATY WITH GREAT AND LITTLE OSAGE INDIANS.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF KANSAS

PROTESTING AGAINST

The ratification of the treaty with the Great and Little Osage Indians.

FEBRUARY 15, 1869.—Referred to the Committee on the Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25, relating to Osage treaty.

Whereas Indian reservations and trust lands constitute, in an important sense, a part of the public domains; and whereas it is eminently in accordance with the spirit of republican institutions, as well as conducive to the permanent well-being of our State, that in the final disposition of these domains by the general government the tendency to extensive landed monopoly should be counteracted, both by providing an ample basis for the support of common schools and by opening the balance of the public domain to actual settlers under the homestead and pre-emption laws; and whereas a treaty is now pending in the Senate of the United States, known as the "Osage treaty," embracing 8,000,000 of acres, or about one-sixth of the area of the whole State of Kansas, a treaty also which involves 500,000 acres of school lands: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the house of representatives, (the senate concurring,) That the people of the State of Kansas, through their representative, most respectfully but solemnly protest against the ratification by the Senate of the United States of the said treaty unless the following amendments are secured:

First. The appropriation of the 16th and 36th sections; and where these have been settled upon, an equivalent to the State for the support of common schools.

Second. To open the balance of the reservation in question to actual settlers under the homestead and pre-emption laws of the United States, and thus save the State from the blight of an extensive landed monopoly.

Resolved further, That our senators and representative in Congress be, and are hereby, instructed to use all proper influence and effort to secure the incorporation into the treaty of the provisions specified in the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be, and is hereby, directed to forward, without delay, a copy of this preamble and these resolutions to the

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President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each of our senators and representative at Washington.

Adopted by the house of representatives January 20, 1869.

HENRY C. OLNEY,
Chief Clerk.

Adopted by the senate January 22, 1869.

GEO. C. CROWTHER,
Secretary.

I, Thomas Moonlight, secretary of state, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in this office.

In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed the great seal of the State, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1869.

[SEAL.]

THOMAS MOONLIGHT,
Secretary of State.