

PROTECTION OF THE FRONTIER OF TEXAS.

JOINT RESOLUTION

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS

RELATIVE TO

The protection of the frontier of said State, and compensation for past expenditures by the State in that behalf.

JULY 17, 1876.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the legislature of the State of Texas, That the Federal Government owes to Texas protection of her exposed frontiers, by virtue of her right as a member of the Union to an equal participation in the benefits and blessings which its Constitution guarantees to all the States, among which is defense against invasion; and the republic of Texas, upon her accession to the Union, having ceded to the United States all public edifices, fortifications, barracks, ports and harbors, navy and navy-yards, docks, magazines, arms, armaments, and all other property and means pertaining to the public defense, the faith of the United States thereby became solemnly pledged to extend to the frontiers of the said republic of Texas the most ample protection, without which, as a condition precedent, Texas would have had no sufficient inducement to surrender her independent political position.*

SEC. 2. That our Senators in the Congress of the United States are hereby instructed, and our Representatives are hereby requested, to present to Congress now assembled these resolutions of the legislature of the State of Texas, and to urge upon that body the enactment of such laws as will secure to our frontiers ample military protection against Indians and Mexican freebooters; the military forces of the United States on our borders being too weak under the most effective command to afford such protection, and the State of Texas being compelled, in defense of the property and lives of her citizens, to maintain in the field a considerable military force at her own expense.

SEC. 3. That our said Senators be instructed and our Representatives requested to present and urge before Congress the passage of a bill reimbursing the State of Texas for the large appropriations of money which, from time to time, have necessarily been made by her legislature,

because of the failure of the Federal Government to provide sufficient protection to our frontiers.

SEC. 4. That the governor of the State be requested to transmit to our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of these resolutions, together with an itemized statement of all expenditures made by the State in the protection of her frontiers.

SEC. 5. The fact that Congress will adjourn at an early day, and the necessity for prompt action, requires that this joint resolution take effect, and it is hereby declared that it do take effect, from and after its passage.

Approved July 6, 1876.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I, A. W. De Berry, secretary of state for the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original enrolled senate joint resolution No. 169, passed by the fifteenth legislature of the State of Texas, and now on file in this department.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the seal of State, at the city of Austin, this the 7th day of July, A. D. 1876.

[SEAL.]

A. W. DE BERRY,
Secretary of State.