

SILETZ RESERVATION.

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MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF OREGON,

PRAYING

*That a law may be passed for the extinguishment of the Indian title to the Siletz reservation, and for preparing the same for settlement.*

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DECEMBER 29, 1876.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon, respectfully represent that the Siletz reservation embraces an area of 175,000 acres of land, much of which is suitable for cultivation; that in the year 1855 there were located on said reservation 2,800 Indians, and they have decreased in numbers since that time to less than 600; that only a small proportion of the said 600 Indians till or improve any part of said land; that recently, by order of the General Government, a new agency, within the boundaries of said Siletz reservation, and near the mouth of Salmon River, has been established, on which the Nestucka, Salmon River, and Alsea Indians are in part located. Your memorialists would further represent that this new agency is amply large enough to accommodate all the Indians on the Siletz reservation, and is well adapted to their wants, being near the coast, where an abundance of game and shell-fish supply an easy and certain living. In view of the fact that thousands of acres of good land for agricultural purposes is lying idle, while immigrants from the East are seeking homes in Oregon, we respectfully and earnestly ask that all the land, except so much as is necessary for the requirements of the new Salmon River agency, and that which is at present occupied by Indians, who have built dwelling-houses, barns, and improved their lands, and who express a desire to remain on said farms, be thrown open to settlement. Your memorialists, therefore, urge upon your honorable body that a law may be passed at an early day for the extinguishment of the Indian title to the Siletz reservation, and for preparing the same for settlement. And we will ever pray.

Adopted by the house September 26, 1876.

J. K. WEATHERFORD,  
*Speaker of the House.*

Concurred in by the senate September 27, 1876.

JOHN WHITEAKER,  
*President of the Senate.*