

RESOLUTION
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF MICHIGAN,
RELATIVE TO
Indian Reservations in that State.

APRIL 12, 1871.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

Whereas, under a treaty made and concluded in 1855 between the United States and the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan, a large quantity of public lands in the counties of Leelanaw, Emmet, Cheboygan, Mackinac, Chippewa, Oceana, Muskegon and Mason, in the State of Michigan, were withdrawn from sale for the benefit of said Indians, and the said Indians were allowed until 1866 to select, and also to purchase, such descriptions of said lands as they were entitled to by the terms of said treaty; and whereas more than four years have elapsed since the expiration of the time granted to the said Indians as aforesaid, and the said Indians having made their selections and purchases under the said treaty, still the United States have neglected to patent the lands so selected and purchased, and restore the balance of said lands to market; and whereas by this neglect a large body of this land, unselected and not purchased by said Indians, is kept out of market, the Indians deprived of their rights in the lands so selected and purchased by them, the settlement of the counties greatly retarded, nearly half of the counties remaining unsettled and untaxable, to the great injury of the citizens of said counties: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the Senators and Representatives of the State of Michigan in Congress be requested to use their influence for the immediate adoption of such measures as will speedily secure the patenting of the lands so selected and sold, and the remainder of said lands be immediately restored to market.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and urge their action thereon.

A. B. WOOD,
President pro tem. of the Senate.
J. J. WOODMAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Lansing, Michigan.

Approved March 29, 1871.

HENRY P. BALDWIN.