41st Congress, 3d Session.

SENATE.

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MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW YORK,

IN FAVOR OF

A treaty with the Seneca Indians, by which they will give up the Allegany Reservation.

FEBRUARY 1, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF NEW YORK, IN ASSEMBLY, Albany, January 18, 1871.

Whereas a portion of the Allegany Reservation, occupied by the Seneca Nation of Indians, has become populated by the white people; and whereas they have been induced to make settlements thereon (especially in the town of Salamanca) on account of the natural business location of the place and a ratification by the legislature of the State of New York of leases made by them with the Seneca Nation of Indians; and whereas the sale of this reservation was recommended by the Indian agent in 1868; and whereas it has become a matter of importance to the white settlers who have made improvements and invested their means in business pursuits thereon: Therefore,

Resolved, (if the senate concur.) That the Senators from this State in Congress be instructed, and the Representatives be requested, to procure the passage of some act or the formation of a treaty with the Seneca Nation of Indians, whereby title may be obtained to the whole or a portion of the Allegany Reservation, or such relief secured for white settlers as the circumstances demand.

Resolved, (if the senate concur.) That the governor of the State of New York be authorized at any time to appoint a commissioner on behalf of the State to act in conjunction with a commissioner appointed by the United States, for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing object.

Resolved, (if the senate concur.) That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States from this State.

By order :

C. W. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

Concurred in without amendment. By order: IN SENATE, January 25, 1871.

HIRAM CALKINS, Clerk.

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