

RESOLUTIONS
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF KANSAS,
IN FAVOR OF

A grant of lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from Wyandotte to the southern boundary of that State, and that the title of the Cherokee Indians to certain lands in said State be extinguished.

FEBRUARY 6, 1865.—Referred to the Committee on Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

Concurrent resolution asking for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Wyandotte, through the eastern tier of counties, via Olathe, Paola, Mound City, and Fort Scott, to the southern boundary of the State, with a view to form a junction with the Leavenworth, Lawrence, and Fort Gibson railroad, at a suitable point in the Cherokee nation.

Whereas the general government is constantly transporting a large amount of army supplies and military stores from the Missouri river south, through the eastern tier of counties in this State, *via* the city of Fort Scott, to the various military posts in Arkansas and the Cherokee nation; and whereas the citizens of this State, and the citizens of the Indian country lying south of Kansas, and of northwestern Arkansas, annually transport a large amount of merchandise over said route; and whereas the transportation of military stores and merchandise over said route during the last three years has cost a sum nearly equal to that of constructing a railroad over said line to the southern boundary of the State; and whereas said border tier of counties has as yet received no grant of land or other government aid for the construction of a railroad through the same; therefore,

Resolved by the senate, (the house of representatives concurring therein.) 1. That we respectfully but earnestly memorialize Congress to grant to the State of Kansas lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Wyandotte south, through the border tier of counties, *via* Olathe, Paola, Mound City, and the city of Fort Scott, to the southern boundary of the State, with a view to form a junction with the Leavenworth, Lawrence and Fort Gibson railroads, at a suitable point in the Cherokee nation.

2. That we urgently recommend that the title of the Cherokee Indians to certain lands lying within the boundary of this State be extinguished at an early day, with a view to subject the same to a grant for the construction of said road.

3. That the secretary of state be instructed to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives in Congress, and the senators and representatives in Congress from this State.

A true copy :

A. SMITH DEVENNEY,
Secretary of State.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal this 30th day of January, A. D. 1865.

R. A. BARKER,
Secretary of State.

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