

MEMORIAL
OF THE
STATE GRANGE OF TEXAS,
PRAYING

That all treaty stipulations between the United States and the Indians in the Indian Territory may be strictly adhered to and observed in every particular.

FEBRUARY 13, 1879.—Referred to the Committee on Territories and ordered to be printed.

The Texas State Grange, in annual session assembled, in the city of Bryan, Texas, commencing on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1878, passed the following resolution (see page 68 printed proceedings):

Resolved by the Texas State Grange, That Worthy Master Lang memorialize the Congress, through Texas Senators, to guard all treaty stipulations between the United States and the civilized tribes of the Indian Territory against monopolies and Congressional Territorial bills.

To the Senate of the United States:

The United States Government having made treaties whereby all the lands claimed, held, and possessed by the Cherokee, Choctaw, Seminole, Chickasaw, and Creek Indians east of Mississippi River were ceded to the United States, and in consideration the above-named tribes or nations of Indians were placed in possession of that section of country now known and designated as the Indian Territory and a patent of title having been granted by the United States Government in good faith to the lands now claimed, occupied, and held by said tribes or nations of Indians so long as they remain independent nations of people, and as they do now maintain governments of law closely imitating the form of government of the United States, and continue in friendly and reciprocal relations with the people of the United States and are fast emerging from their primitive condition, having established and maintained by law *public free schools* patronized by a people thirsting for knowledge, together with churches and charitable institutions upheld by the consent of all the people, and as they offer liberal encouragement to establishing of manufactures and all other arts and methods of civilization, it is respectfully insisted by your memorialist that all rights, privileges, immunities, and benefits acquired by said tribes or nations of Indians by and through the treaties heretofore made with them should be sedulously guarded and protected by the Government of the United States whenever and by whomsoever such rights and privileges shall be assailed. It is further represented to your honorable body that agriculture, that

art which has in all ages exerted so powerful an influence in civilizing mankind, be as liberally encouraged as may appear proper as a means of accelerating the progress of these peoples to a better civilization. Whereas Territorial bills are now pending in the Congress of the United States for opening to settlement the lands held and occupied by the tribes, and as railroad corporations through their liberal grants of lands by the government, are anxiously and desirously seeking to appropriate said domain to their use and profit, your memorialist respectfully recommends that the treaty stipulations, obligations, and contracts made and entered into with the Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Chickasaw, and Seminole Indians be strictly observed, and every right, privilege, and immunity granted and guaranteed be sacredly preserved to them.

WM. W. LANG,

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