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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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AUGUST 15, 1888.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. MITCHELL submitted the following

RESOLUTION:

Whereas it is provided in the treaty with the Puyallup and other tribes of Indians, ratified by the Senate on the 3d day of March, 1855, that the whole, or any portion of certain specified lands reserved to such tribe of Indians by said treaty may, under the direction of the President of the United States, be surveyed into lots and assigned to such individuals or families as are willing to avail themselves of the privilege and will locate on the same as a permanent home on the same terms and subject to the same regulations as are provided in the sixth article of the treaty with the Omahas, so far as the same may be applicable; and

Whereas said sixth article of the treaty with the Omahas provides that if any such person or family shall at any time neglect or refuse to occupy and till a portion of the lands assigned and on which they have located, or shall rove from place to place, the President may, if the patent shall have been issued, cancel the assignment, and may also withhold from such person or family their proportion of the annuities or other moneys due them, until they shall have returned to such permanent home and resumed the pursuits of industry; and in default of their return the tract may be declared abandoned and thereafter assigned to some other person or family of such tribe, or disposed of as is provided for the disposition of the excess of said land; and

Whereas it has been alleged that there has been neglect on the part of a large number of persons and families to whom lands have been assigned under such treaty stipulations, to occupy and till any portion of the lands so assigned, and otherwise have failed to comply with the terms of said treaty stipulations: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to inquire and report to the Senate, at his earliest practicable convenience, whether any persons or families belonging to the Puyallup tribe of Indians in Washington Territory have at any time, and when and for what time, neglected or refused to occupy and till a portion of the lands assigned to them, or any of them, and, if so, what persons or families, and what lands, and whether such persons or families, or any of them, have or have not been roving from place to place, and whether in any other respect whatever any of such Indians or families have failed to comply with the treaty stipulations and laws of Congress applicable to the allotment and patenting of lands to such Indians, and, if so, in what respect and to what extent.

*Resolved further*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall report to the Senate what portion, if any, of the lands of the Puyallup Reservation in Washinton Territory have never yet been assigned or patented to any of the families or individuals of such tribe with a description of the location of such lands.