

INDIAN AFFAIRS IN ARIZONA.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF CALIFORNIA,

RELATING TO

*Indian affairs in the Territory of Arizona.*

APRIL 1, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Whereas we are fully assured that the following statements are true: That the inhabitants of the Territory of Arizona are now, and for years past have been, the victims of the most cruel outrages at the hands of the Apache Indians; that hundreds of them, including women and children, have been murdered by these savages within the last few years; that neither homes nor property in that Territory, outside the principal towns, are safe from savage incursion; that in but exceptional places can any high road be traveled without great danger; that many of the citizens of our own State, while there on business, have fallen victims to these Indians; that at no time in the history of that Territory have the Indians been more hostile, or the lives and property of the people less safe, than within the past two months; that the nation is rich enough to afford, and strong enough to enforce, protection to its people living in its own territory and under its own flag, as well as to those abroad in other lands; that for the murder of the fewest number of its citizens, who have been slain by these savages in Arizona in any two months of the last two years, the United States would have declared war against every power in Europe had its citizens been so murdered there for want of proper protection from European powers; that the feeling and belief is universal on the part of the people of this State, and, we believe, of the Pacific slope, that when General Crook was sent to Arizona, he was the right man in the right place; that he is as humane as energetic, and that if allowed sufficient means, and given the discretion to which his experience in the management of Indian affairs entitle him, and not interfered with in his operations, he will, in a brief period, arrest this reign of terror and blood, and give security to the long-suffering people of this Territory; and whereas we do most seriously believe that, in all the land, no such prompt and efficient measures are required for the protection of our people as in the Territory of Arizona: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the senate, (the assembly concurring,) That it is the duty*

of the Government of the United States to give the most prompt and efficient protection to the people of Arizona against the Apache Indians; that all attempts to treat with or otherwise to appease them, until they are made to feel the power of the Government, will prove futile in the future, as they have in the past, and must result only in encouraging these savages to continue deeds of carnage.

*Resolved*, That in no other way can this protection be so promptly and efficiently extended to our suffering brethren in Arizona as by furnishing General Crook with ample means, and by giving him the largest discretion in the course to be pursued toward the savages.

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, urged and implored to prevent further interference with the military operations of General Crook, otherwise than by aiding his designs, until these savages are subdued and the people of Arizona are made secure in their lives, homes, and property.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor of this State be requested to telegraph these resolutions and preamble to the same to the President of the United States; that he cause to be sent copies of the same to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress of the Pacific States and Territories, and to each of the governors of the same, and that our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to urge upon the Government at Washington such action in the premises as is indicated by these resolutions.

J. T. FARLEY,

*President pro tempore of the Senate.*

T. B. SHANNON,

*Speaker of the Assembly.*