

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF MICHIGAN,

RECOMMENDING

The payment of a balance due under the treaty between the United States and the Ottawa and Chippewa nations of Indians, concluded at Washington on the 28th March, 1836.

JANUARY 15, 1852.

Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to Indian claims.

Whereas, By the fifth article of the treaty made and concluded at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1836, by and between Henry R. Schoolcraft, commissioner on the part of the United States, and the Ottawa and Chippewa nations, by their chiefs and delegates, and as amended and ratified by the President by and with the consent and advice of the Senate of the United States, there was set aside for said nations, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars to pay such debts as they might justly owe, and the overplus, if any, to apply to such other use as they might think proper; and,

Whereas, After their debts, up to the date of said treaty, had all been paid, there remained a large sum in the hands of the United States, which has never been paid over to said nations of Indians, but, together with the interest accumulated thereon, is still due; and,

Whereas, Said nations are largely indebted to citizens of this State for debts contracted after said treaty, which they are desirous to pay, and have made arrangements to liquidate, in accordance with the laws of this State, as shown by the Revised Statutes, which invest said Indians with equal judicial rights and privileges with other inhabitants; and,

Whereas, Said arrangements contemplate the payment of said debts out of the surplus of said fund appropriated in said fifth article as amended, and interest; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be and they are hereby requested to use all just and fair means to cause said money to be paid to said nations, as stipulated and provided for by the aforesaid amendment of the Senate of the United States to the fifth article of said treaty, and to procure the same to be done by a resolution of the United States Senate or otherwise, and at as early a day as practicable.

Resolved further, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to transmit copies of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

These joint resolutions shall take effect and be in force from their passage.

JEFFERSON G. THURBER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. M. FENTON,
President of the Senate.

Approved, February 19, 1851.

JOHN S. BARRY, *Governor.*

Received and filed, February 19, 1851.

A true copy.

R. R. GIBSON,
Deputy Secretary of State.