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MOTION

SUBMITTED BY MR. LINN,

IN RELATION

To the occupation and settlement of the Oregon Territory.

DECEMBER 18, 1839.

Submitted.

DECEMBER 30, 1839.

Referred to a select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Linn, Preston, Wall, Pierce and Walker, and ordered to be printed.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Senate that the title of the United States to the Territory of Oregon is indisputable and never will be abandoned.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to give notice to the British Government that the conventions of 1818 and 1827, which give the right to use and occupy the Oregon Territory, its bays, rivers, harbors, &c., &c., to both parties indiscriminately, shall cease in twelve months after such notification.

Resolved, That it is both expedient and proper to extend such portions of the laws of the United States over the Territory of Oregon, as may be necessary to secure the lives, liberty, and property, of our citizens who may reside in said Territory.

Resolved, That it is expedient to raise an additional regiment of infantry (rifle) for the purpose of overawing and keeping in check various Indian tribes, or any foreign forces who may be in said Territory, or on its borders; and at the same time to give ample protection to our citizens engaged in legitimate occupations.

Resolved, That 640 acres of land should be granted to every white male inhabitant of said Territory, of the age of 18 years, who shall cultivate and use the same for five consecutive years, and to his heirs at law in the event of his death.

Blair & Rives, printers.