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ALABAMA LEGISLATURE—REIMBURSE EXPENSES INDIAN  
WARS.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ALABAMA,

CLAIMING

*Restitution for money advanced by that State on account of Indian hos-  
tilities within the same.*

MARCH 16, 1840.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Whereas, during the hostilities of the Creek and Seminole Indians during the years of 1836 and 1837, many companies of militia and volunteers were organized for the temporary defence of the country, and, in many instances, the troops called into service by and under the authority of the United States, were organized in great haste and at points where no supplies of provisions or forage had been provided, under these circumstances many officers made purchases and many patriotic citizens furnished provisions and forage for the use of the military force thus armed for the defence of the country, from the haste and confusion which prevailed at the commencement of hostilities and often from the nature of the service the supplies could not regularly be obtained or distributed, in consequence of which the accounts were not rendered in such form as to enable the disbursing officers of the United States army to settle them: and whereas, the State of Alabama, satisfied with the justice of these claims, and unwilling to subject those who had so generously contributed their services or their property to the defence of the country to tedious delay, which often necessarily occurs in the settlement of claims of this description, have, by different laws passed for that purpose, caused such claims to be paid, amounting to one hundred and seven thousand three hundred and eighty-five dollars and forty-five cents: be it, therefore,

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, That the accounts paid by this State for the services of local troops for forage and provisions furnished armed companies in the service of the State or of the United States, and for provisions furnished the friendly Indians during the hostilities of a portion*

of their tribe, constitute a claim upon the Government of the United States, the justice and equity of which will be readily acknowledged.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause a statement of the aggregate amount paid under the different acts of the General Assembly for the purpose herein mentioned to be made out and certified by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Treasury of this State, and cause the same to be presented to the War Department of the United States for payment.

*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.  
Approved January 31, 1840.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ALABAMA

March 16, 1840

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, that the Comptroller of Public Accounts be and he is hereby authorized to cause a statement of the aggregate amount paid under the different acts of the General Assembly for the purpose herein mentioned to be made out and certified by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Treasury of this State, and cause the same to be presented to the War Department of the United States for payment.

John A. River House