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JICARILLA INDIANS.

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO,

IN REFERENCE TO

The Indians within the borders of the Territory.

APRIL 4, 1854.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The memorial of the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of New Mexico, to the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, represents, that the present condition of the Indians within the borders of New Mexico demands the favorable notice of the government of the United States.

The Jicarillas have no country of their own, but move from place to place among the settlements; and they are continually committing depredations on the inhabitants, who have never as yet been able to obtain any redress unless they took the law into their own hands. The same, to a certain extent, may be said of the Utahs and Navajoes, although they have an immense country of their own.

It is our firm belief that, at a small expense, the Jicarillas can be settled in a small extent of country, and, by encouragement, can be induced to settle in a pueblo and cultivate the soil and support themselves. We would further recommend that the other tribes be further removed from the settlements and confined within metes and bounds.

We respectfully ask the attention of Congress to this subject.

Approved February 3, 1854.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE OF THE TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO,
Santa Fe, February 25, 1854.

I hereby certify that the foregoing memorial is a true copy of the original now on file in this office.

WM. S. MESSERVY,
Secretary Territory of New Mexico.