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NEW MEXICO—LAND CLAIMS.

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MEMORIAL  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEW MEXICO,  
IN REGARD TO  
*Land claims, &c.*

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APRIL 4, 1854.—Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

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*Memorial of the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of New Mexico, to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:*

Whereas much doubt exists in this Territory in relation to lands granted under the Mexican government, which have been possessed for some time, and, through fear of the barbarous Indians, or from other reasons intimidated, the grantees have abandoned their possessions; and whereas they cannot possess them by reason of the insecurity of their property—

*Be it resolved by the Council and House of Representatives, That our delegate in Congress be instructed and required to call the attention of Congress to this subject; and to ask the passage of an act declaring the lands described in the preamble to belong to the persons to whom they were granted, and to establish a board of land commissioners and surveyor general in this Territory to regulate land claims.*

Approved February 4, 1854.

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

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

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